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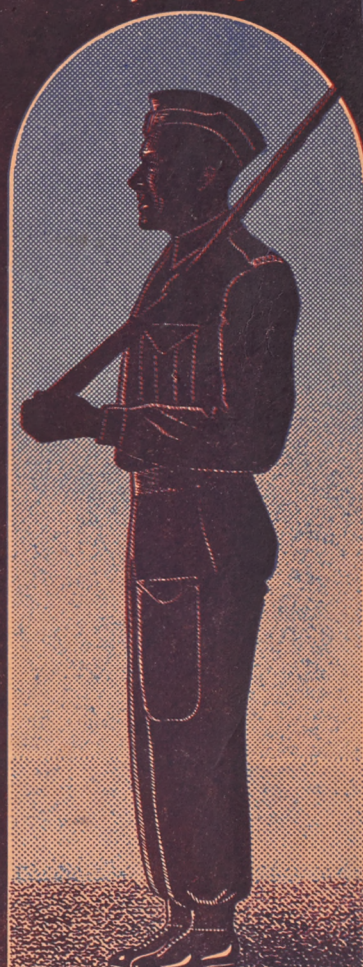
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Here in Alberta, men and women are alive to the needs of the present and the future. In the actual prosecution of the war, and in preparation for a true "Peace in our time", citizens of this province are truly proving themselves as citizens of the great commonwealth of nations that is our Empire.

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## HOW THE WAR IN EUROPE WILL END— A FORECAST

The Germans and Italians will be completely booted out of Africa. The invasion of Italy by the Allies will follow. The Allies will have knocked out the Italian fleet and will have attained air superiority. The Italians will seek to make peace, thereupon the Germans will turn upon them. Italian troops will join the Allies and in due course the Germans will be driven back to the Brenner Pass which they will probably hold until the end of the war.

Meanwhile the Germans, having depleted their army in Russia, the Russians will get going along their whole front. Italian, Rumanian and Hungarian divisions serving with the Germans in Russia will endeavor to break away from the Germans to return to their own countries. This will cause serious fighting, all to the greater embarrassment of the Germans. Meanwhile the Russians will push on and finally reach the boundaries of Germany. At this point the Germans will ask for an armistice to permit of the discussion of the terms of peace. Allied commanders in the field (if left to themselves) will reply that since they demand the unconditional surrender of Germany no discussion and no armistice is required. The war will continue.

Meanwhile the Allies will attempt and probably successfully carry out an invasion of Europe. An allied army may, at that moment, be marching eastward from the sea towards the centre of Germany.

The Russians will probably be the first to formally invade Germany in full force. The Russians have kept a careful record of German atrocities and the names of the principal actors. They will undoubtedly carry out the execution of all war criminals upon whom they can lay their hands. Most of these war criminals, however, will, by that time, have made their escape into the interior of Germany. The Russians will then proceed to execute every senior person, whether military or civil, representing the German government, upon whom they can lay their hands and the Russians will probably, as a matter of reprisal, carry out the same forms of destruction, executions and cruelties as were carried out by the Germans in the course of their invasion of Russia. The Germans, having foreseen all this and having made careful preparations for the same, will make the welkin ring with

their appeals for mercy and these appeals, addressed to the civilized world, will not be without some response. At this moment all pacifists, idealists, sentimentalists and appeasers in the allied countries will bring pressure to bear upon their governments to put a stop to this bloody revenge. A more or less timid approach will be made to Stalin (who at that moment will have been joined by the Poles and Czechs) to stay his hand. Stalin will, at that time, announce his intention of occupying at least half of Germany with the assistance of the Poles and Czechs. He will probably assume the position that the Germans must be repaid in kind, that his policy is a biological necessity and that without this complete revenge no attempt at the pacification of Europe vis-a-vis Germany will succeed.

When that moment comes the allied nations will be in grave danger since Stalin will probably declare his willingness to fight for his objective. If the appeasers and pacifists have their way we shall probably have lost the war and will come to blows with Russia. On the other hand if the realists in the allied nations face the situation squarely and allow the Russians, Poles and Czechs to do justice in Germany then in that process the foundation of lasting peace can be laid, for the Germans will have learned once and for all what it is like "to take" it as well as to "hand it out."

With the Russians, Poles and Czechs in possession of the eastern half of Germany and the Allies plus Norwegians, Danes, Hollanders, Belgians and French in the western half of Germany for a period of, say, six months it can be assumed that the Germans will have learned their lesson and upon this foundation terms of peace can be dictated that will ensure peace in Europe for the next fifty years or more.

Based upon past experience and commonsense any treaty of peace with Germany will be worthless unless it rests upon the armed strength of the Allies. This armed strength will take the form of a gigantic police force maintained by the Allies in a state of constant readiness. The Allies must establish a political organization which will authorize armed action whenever necessary. This raises the question of the sort of army we are going to maintain after the war. Back of all this will lie the temper of the allied people, their capacity to clearly understand the necessities of the case, their readiness for instant decisions and their willingness to fight again whenever necessary to maintain what has been gained by four years of struggle. As in the past so in the future the greatest enemy of liberty-loving people will not be our late enemies but the pacifists, appeasers and lazy-minded, timid souls within our own boundaries who are incapable of learning and understanding the real nature of the situation and who, running true to form, will paralyze public opinion and hamstring our military preparations.

December, 12, 1942.



## LIEUT. COL. G. KITCHING, FORMER R.C.R. PERMANENT FORCE OFFICER, NOW COMMANDS EDMONTON REGIMENT OVERSEAS

**Lieut.-Col. E. B. Wilson Transferred to 1st Division Staff — Major J. C. Jefferson Second in Command — Many Movements to and from Regiment — Interesting Notes on Doings of Different Companies — Son of Major Charlie Lilley Transfers from "Loyals" to his Home Town Battalion — Goodly Number of Former Single Men Join Ranks of Benedicts. Here are the Details:**

By Lieut. A. P. Kent and Sgt. Ted Horton

Maintaining a steady program of training coincident with a constant state of preparedness during the past summer the Edmonton Regiment, on active service in England since late 1939, also underwent numerous changes in personnel.

Most notable of these was the change in commanding officers. Lt. Col. G. Kitching, formerly of the Royal Canadian Regiment, was appointed as C.O. Edmonton Regiment as from August 1st. He succeeded Lt. Col. E. B. Wilson, who had commanded the unit since August of 1940 and who, on June 29th of that year, received the appointment A.A. and Q.M.G. 1st Canadian Division.

### The Army As His Life Career

Lt. Col. Kitching brought to the unit a solid background of military experience gained in the Imperial Army. Born at Shameen, Canton, China, he was educated at Cranleigh School, Surrey, and at R.M.C. Sandhurst. Making the army his career he served with the Gloucestershire Regiment in Singapore during 1931-32 and in India during 1932 to 1937.

### Went to England With R.C.R.

Following this he elected to transfer to the Canadian affiliate of the Gloucestershire Regiment, the Royal Canadian Regiment, permanent force unit at Toronto. He was with the unit when war broke out and came to England with it. He took the senior staff course at Camberley October '41 to February '42 and was serving as G.S.O. 2 at 1st Canadian Corps when his appointment to the Edmonton Regt. was effected.

In furnishing the Edmonton unit with a commanding officer, the R.C.R.'s by a whimsical turn of the wheel, are repaying a debt incurred during World War 1 when they received a C.O. from the 49th in the person of the late Lt. Col. G. B. McLeod.

Col Kitching congratulated the unit for its excellent reputation when he assumed command and announced that its high standard of efficiency would be maintained in all its efforts.

### Visit From Former C.O.'s

The Regiment came overseas under command of Lt. Col. W. G. Stillman who is now president of the Regimental Funds Board at headquarters. He was succeeded by Lt. Col. E. B. Wilson who came over from Edmonton as 2nd in command. Both officers have been able to pay occasional visits to the battalion since their new appointments.

On his last visit Col. Wilson was accompanied by Brig. Gen. J. B. Wells, C.M.G., D.S.O., Col.-In-Chief of the Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) our Imperial affiliate. Gen. Wells, who has paid us visits before, was enabled to stay a few days and enlarge his acquaintanceship. During his stay a parade of the 2nd Brigade was staged for the new G.O.C. of the 1st Division.

### Exchanges with Affiliated Regiment

Plans are afoot to secure interchanges for short periods from time to time of personnel of the Edmonton and North Lincs. units. Already members of our battalion have been entertained by the northerners on the occasion of personal holiday trips.

Major J. C. Jefferson, 2 i.c., attended a senior officers' school during April to June and was acting C.O. during the latter period of Col. Wilson's absence. Major A. S. Donald who was O. C. headquarters company from its inception in 1939, to September of this year acted as battalion C.O. while Col. Wilson was acting brigade commander early in the summer and later performed 2 i.c. duties upon Maj. Jefferson's return. Maj. Donald recently assumed command of "A" coy. after a period spent as commandant of a company commanders' school. Capt. E. M. Findlay has been acting O.C. of headquarters company since September.

### Important Activities May be Pending

To catalogue all the movements to and from the battalion would be to flout the exigencies of a paper shortage, but it can be gathered that the season has been an active one.

There was general regret, of course, that our people missed the Dieppe show but after all there was Spitzbergen and there will be . . . well you have three guesses.

### Mentioned by King George for Gallantry

As a matter of fact we didn't miss the Dieppe thing entirely. Listed in the official records under Edmonton Regiment is the name Sgt. R. Hawkins who has been mentioned by the King for gallantry and distinguished services in the combined operations. Sgt. Hawkins came over with the 49th as a private and transferred to a field security unit in July of 1940.

### Physical Jerks and Adonis Perfection

Early morning physical training for the battalion was inaugurated recently to replace that previously

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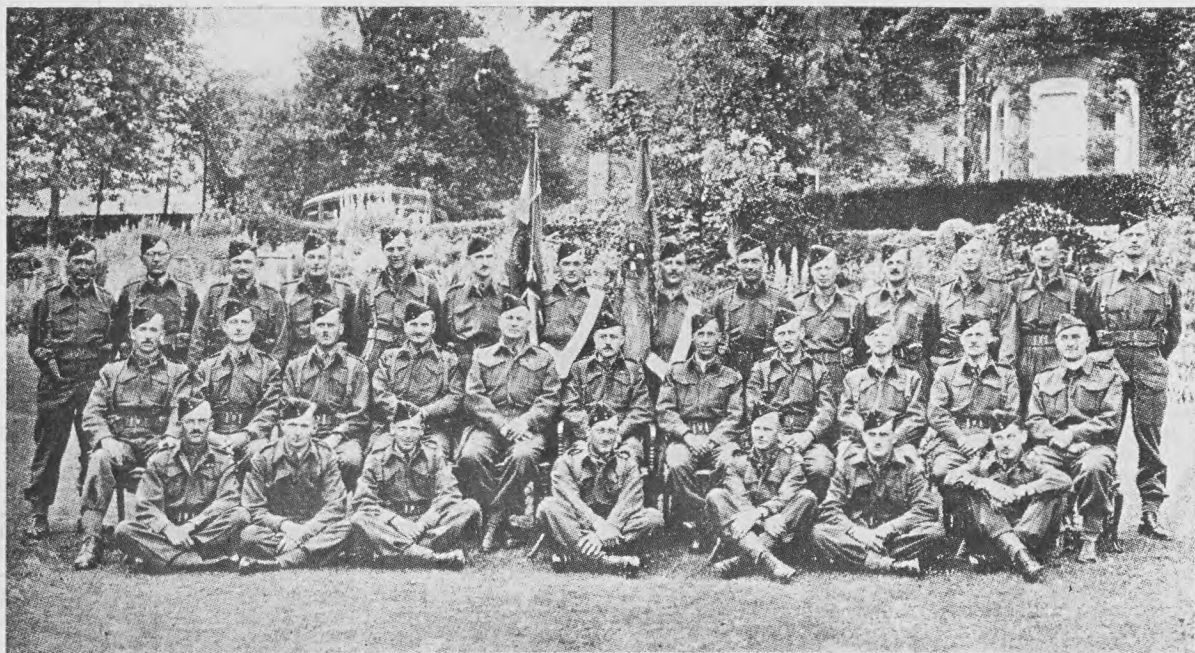
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## AFTER COLOUR PRESENTATION BY HIS MAJESTY, DOMINION DAY, JULY, 1941



Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Wilson and Officers of the Edmonton Regiment taken at Caterham, Surrey, England. It is hoped that in succeeding issues, more photos of this interesting ceremony will appear.

done by sub-units. Capt. "Bill" Cromb, whose lithe, undraped limbs excite admiration and envy among others of us who run more to goose pimples on raw mornings, leads the strength-through-groan movement.

Indicating the measure of efficiency achieved in the unit, everyone who attends sick parade in the morning must take his p.t. costume with him. Provost Sgt. McCullough takes over where the "Doc" leaves off and thus all those whose wounds are not deemed too serious get their p.t. too so no one can complain of being overlooked.

#### N.C.O.'s Take Officers Course

Always in search of promising material from the ranks the experts have recently appropriated 14 N.C.O.'s and men from the unit for an officers' training course. The candidates have passed their preliminary tests.

#### Boxing Competitions are Staged

Early in October a boxing team was organized to prepare for brigade competitions to be staged in November. With Lieut. K. J. Rootes directing, a rigorous training program has been undertaken and a strong team is being developed. It is expected that the regiment will have about 15 good boxers to enter, among them being W. D. Smith from the signals platoon, who won his way through to the corps finals in the lightweight class last year. The regiment has entries in the heavy, light heavy, middle, welter and light weight classes.

#### Prefers to Retain Regimental Patches

Among the changes which have taken place is that of Capt. B. B. Taylor who was on the staff of an important Canadian Military School for a long

time, but who was recently returned to the regiment briefly. He was then transferred to the headquarters of another division and has since appeared in the Regimental area still wearing the Edmonton Regiment flash, surmounting the divisional patch of another division. It speaks highly for Bryant's courage that he appeared in public with these "off-colour" patches on his arm.

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#### NOTED FROM THE COMPANIES

Some complaints have been voiced in the Bn. Orderly Room that in spite of the importance of that formation in the Regimental set-up it very seldom received the mention in the 49er which it deserves.

Sgt. Langston who held the appointment of Bn. Orderly Room Sgt. for some months has returned to Canada and has been succeeded by Sgt. Frank Petley, whose home is in Calgary. He is assigned by L/Sgt. (Cannonball) Coleman one of the originals in the unit and is plagued by L/Cpl. Joe Feldman, also of Edmonton. Pte. Bone is now acting as runner for B.H.Q. and has almost become an aspirant for "Torchy" Peden's laurels after a few months of pushing heavy army bicycles up and down English hills.

Capt. Fred Reesor from Vegreville is adjutant for the Regiment while Lieut. Roy Couch of Lavoy is presently assistant Adjt. Lieut. Bill Longhurst who achieved his commission by way of Bn. Orderly Room is now Intelligence officer and has returned to his former centre of activity around the Bn. Orderly room—where he feels very much at home.



### "A" Company

This company has like all the others in the regiment suffered many changes in personnel since first landing—but still feels that it is the best part of the regiment—a claim warmly disputed by four other companies and B.H.Q. However "A" points with pride to the fate which has befallen many "A" company men who since leaving that company have obtained promotions, commissions and other rewards for good behaviour.

### Stalwarts Get Promotions

All these men leaving the company leaves room for more promotions within the ranks of those left. Among those who have recently sprouted stripes are such stalwarts as Tom Bond, Jim Wallace, "Scrammy" Cliff Scramstad, and many others too numerous to list.

As with every other company, Cupid, assisted by Terpischoe, has made many casualties and requests for the necessary form to obtain the permission of the powers that be for the forth-coming nuptials are very numerous. Among those who recently received the official "go-ahead" nod from the Brigadier are Ptes. Tough, Campion and Dickey.

### "B" Company

It may seem a far cry back to the days of crinoline and bustle—when girlish giggles from the wellkept lawns of the manor house were punctuated by the sharp crack of croquet mallet on wooden ball—but to the residents of one English sea-coast town that nostalgia for the dear departed days was ended when that stirring sport, croquet, received a new impetus recently. Among the athletes disporting themselves with mallet and ball, making daring drives and croquetting their opponents ball were those dashing young men, Major Day, and Lieuts. Swan, Gale, Huntington and Rootes. It is rumoured that the substantial girlish giggle of Lieut. Tom Huntington in particular came forcibly to public attention for blocks around.

### Playful Diversions with Vigorous Enthusiasm

But while the officers of the company were thus exercising themselves so circumspectly—the men of their company have taken advantage of hop-scotch squares laid out as they are all over the world on the sidewalk—and were displaying a vigour and enthusiasm in that sport which is generally reserved for displays of unarmed combat and battledrill.

### Songsters Get to go Places

The boys in Beer Company are particularly envious of one of their number now known as the "Welsh Tenor" who has raised his voice in song to such good effect that even many of the more exclusive social gatherings welcome him into the party. Teddy James has warbled himself effectively into many places barred to his playmates and his pleasant voice has paid many dividends.

### "B" Company Has Submarine Men

C.S.M. Anderson, somewhat of an aquatic artist was recently demonstrating his ability as diver when he made an error in judgement so that he sprained an arm rather badly and is now walking around the Regiment with his arm elevated at a most uncomfortable angle on an awkward wooden frame work. The most unpleasant feature of his injury is the ribbing which he takes so good naturedly wherever he goes.

But he is only one of Beer Company's mermen. His leadership in that field is challenged by Pte. Johnny Masters who on a recent "scheme" showed a total disregard for the terrors of the deep. It

came about in this way. Johnny was crossing one of the many mud and slime-bottomed creeks which divide that portion of England, with a heavy load of mortar bombs. The crossing was effected by means of a shaky and very temporary narrow bridge—at least it was partially thus effected when Johnny's tenuous hold on to a point of balance deserted him and plunged him, bombs and all into the muddy waves.

When his bald head re-appeared on the surface of the agitated water he was without bombs and urged by excited shouts from the bank, he bravely re-immersed himself. Only after three or four crash dives was his submarine exploration rewarded and from there on he completed his journey to the opposite bank.

### Assist as Fire Fighters

Gratitude for assistance rendered by members of "B" coy. in putting out incendiaries and helping to move furniture and debris during a night blitz was expressed by letters from a number of civilians living in the company area. To one letter was attached a 10 shilling note for the company fund.

### "C" Company—More Underwater Artists

Charlie Company, has had a few naval experiences too, of which one will suffice. It was on a demonstration of Canadian ability in crossing streams that members of the company were being hauled across a flowing stream by means of an ingenious arrangement set up by pioneers. Without giving away any secrets of construction the apparatus consists of ropes and poles and axiomatically the whole contraption is no stronger than its weakest part. Lieut. Crawley was the unfortunate victim when that weak link snapped but the boys doing the pulling kept right on hauling and Mr. Crawley clung tenaciously to the rope and crossed the stream successfully, and quickly via the submarine route.

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### Mock Attack on Sister Regiment H.Q.

Capt. Bill Crompton who now commands the company is very proud of his boys since a recent night "scheme" when Charley provided the "enemy" for a sister Regiment. The boys from the Edmonton unit succeeded in harrassing Bn. H.Q. of their opposition to such an extent the guards were increased and re-increased at various intervals throughout the night.

A considerable amount of turmoil was caused, too when Pte. Berreth boldly entered the building in which the Bn. H.Q. was housed and was not caught until he was within six feet of the "I" Sec. Board. Faces blackened and in rubber soled shoes our westerners and northerners showed the opposition a little about craft and guile in the "sneak and run" end of the business.

### Reverts to Join Home Town Regiment

Relationship with our affiliated Regiment the "Loyals" have been further cemented by the transfer from that unit of C. V. Lilley, who will be remembered by many Edmontonians. (son of Major Lilley) of the old "C" coy. He had joined the Loyals some time before the war broke out and has seen service in the East and in England with this Regiment. A sergeant Major—he reverted in order to be with the Edmontons—but did not remain a private long. At present he is Sgt. and the prospects of further promotions are distinctly bright.

### Help Given A.R.P. Warden

On one occasion the boys received the grateful thanks of the local Chief Air Raid Warden when they turned to to assist in the clearing of a bombed area. Local authorities were loud in their praise of the hard work done and the efficiency shown

stating that it had taken this company only 24 hours to accomplish what would have taken about three weeks in the normal run of events.

### "D" Company

Though Steady "D" has suffered very largely through the continual shifting of personnel within the Regiment and out of the Regiment, many of the old originals of the company still carry on. The old timers still retain their vigour and even Pat Lucy, who was mentioned in the last 49er for his prowess with the pasteboards, has been dubbed the "Gay Ninety" athlete for his John L. Sullivan stance on the soft-ball field.

### Officers Mess Bombed

Major Bill Bury is still in charge of the company though during a recent air-raid he must have felt for a little while as though he were about to surrender his command. Gerry was so inconsiderate as to drop near the officers mess and Major Bill was discovered uninjured a few minutes later—but tastefully draped with a window frame.

### Batman Douses the Glim

Capt. Harry Smith of Calgary on the same occasion displayed a nonchalance which was almost his undoing. He had assumed a recumbent position, the safest place to be, just in front of the wrecked mess building and was smoking a cigarette. The night was very dark and the glow of his cigarette attracted the attention of his batman, Buster Lewis from Athabasca, who took the glow for a spark from an incendiary bomb and treated it as such doing considerable damage to Capt. Smith's face and fingers.

This company too has "suffered" very considerably from marititis and are gathering a considerable assortment of Benedicts, though Lieut. Bill Lowden has thus far successfully eluded capture.

### Headquarters Company

In this company too, many of the old originals have gone the way of promotion or to higher formation, but there is still a leavening of them in the company including many of the members of the Signal platoon and of the Ack-Ack Platoon. Among the recent moves was the Sgt.-Major Frank Bryant of Jasper who has been moved to take over a warrant officer's job at the big Canadian Training School. He is replaced by Bill Forster, formerly of the Peace River district, who moved up from the "Carrier" platoon to take over the administrative and discipline end of the company.

Capt. "Butch" Findlay is now in command of the company since the loss of Major Donald previously mentioned in this little article.

### Rabbit in Unorthodox Role

Perhaps the best story of the lot to come from a scheme should, on the "man bites dog" principle, be featured in headlines. "Rabbit Wounds Soldier" might be a suggested heading and if you don't believe us, the marks born by Sgt. McIlvana following a recent exercise would silence all the sceptics. It seems that Mac was sleeping on the ground—an achievement now performed in comfort by almost every man in the unit. So still did he lie that a wandering rabbit who chanced to stray in that direction, stepped right on his face. The whole story is like Mac and rabbit from here on—a little confused, but the rabbit escaped from the affray unscathed while the unfortunate soldier had to report to the M.O. with facial injuries.

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## SECOND (RESERVE) BATTALION, EDMONTON REGIMENT INCREASES PROFICIENCY IN DRILL, USE OF WEAPONS

**Efficiency Developed During Home Training Used to Advantage At Sacree Camp—Reserve Army Head Inspects Unit—New Infantry Weapons Are Obtained—Work Done At Camp Harris—Bank Kept Busy**

Six months have passed since the July issue of the Forty-Niner, and during this period the Second (Reserve) Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, under command of Lt. Col. R. Walter Hale, M.C., has attained considerable proficiency in drill and the use of weapons, as well as knowledge of field tactics.

This proficiency was evident at the annual army training camp at Sarcee when the battalion put into practical effect much of what it had learned during the weekly drill nights.

The summer camp this year was held from July 3 to 19 and from July 20 to Aug. 2, some members of the reserve battalion attending the first camp, and the balance the second camp.

### Training Syllabus Stiffer In 1942

Training syllabus at the camp was stiffer in 1942; a greater degree of proficiency was required and inspection officers let nothing slip by their expert eye.

While at camp the battalion had the opportunity of seeing the various infantry weapons in actual use, including the Bren gun, Reising gun and mortars. Reserve men were thus given a practical idea of the firepower of an infantry battalion in modern warfare.

Approximately 500 all ranks attended camp this year, this summer being split between the first and second camps.

Lt. Col. Hale was in command of the battalion during the entire training period at Sacree, Maj. G. D. K. Kinnaird being second-in-command at the first camp and Capt. Miles Palmer at the second.

### Unit Split Into Platoons

For training purposes, the battalion was split into platoons, with an officer and sergeant instructor for each platoon. The syllabus included physical training, elementary drill, small arms training, map reading, range work and a variety of other subjects today's soldier must know before he can count himself as a first-class fighting man.

But what interested the reserve soldiers most were the field exercises which gave full rein to proficiency obtained through months of training. As the infantry battalion today is built up on the platoon section, the tactical schemes carried out at Sarcee gave section leaders an opportunity to display their native ability in successfully attaining their objectives.

### New System of Messing

A feature of the month's camp was the organization under Lt. Col. Hale of a new system of messing for the "O.R.'s". A certain number of the unit were detailed each day as orderlies and the remainder of the men took their seats at the table and were served by the orderlies. This did away with the old system under which the men lined up and had their food dished out to them.

Thirty trucks were made available to reserve army units in training at Sarcee this summer, and many men were given instruction in the handling of these sturdy vehicles. This form of transporta-

tion was enthusiastically received by the "P.B.I." who don't mind marching but would sooner ride.

The reserve army units trained this year as part of the 41st Alberta Brigade Group under Col. E. R. Knight, V.D., who was also camp commandant. The camp was marked by the visit of several high-ranking officers from Ottawa, including Maj. Gen. B. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C., director general of the Reserve Army in Canada.

### Edmonton Units Smartest Group

Col. Knight declared that Edmonton reserve units were the smartest group he had ever inspected and while making a courtesy call to the Edmonton Regiment lines he complimented Lt. Col. Hale on the showing made by his unit.

Another highlight of this year's camp was the 30-hour tactical scheme which took the men into the hills west of camp for a day-and-night bivouac at Point "D" on the map of Sarcee.

Men were shown how to build a "bivvy"—a temporary shelter for the night's rest—how to cook, how to build weapon pits and how to place their weapons for their most effective use.

All in all, the summer training period put men of the battalion in good physical condition, and they returned home with a better idea of what this war is all about.

Regular nightly drills were continued by the battalion following camp, and intensive training was continued until the Christmas and New Year's holidays, parades being cancelled during the holiday period.

### Maj. Gen. Browne On Inspection Visit

On Dec. 3 all Edmonton reserve army units were inspected at the Prince of Wales Armory by Maj. Gen. Browne, who was accompanied to the city by Brig. F. M. W. Harvey, V.C., M.C., Calgary, officer commanding M.D. 13; Col. Knight; Capt. A. S. Howard, staff officer with the 41st Brigade Group; and Capt. Ralph Wilson, public relations officer for M. D. 13.

Platoons of the Second Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, from Stony Plain and Fort Saskatchewan were on parade with the battalion for the inspection and the inspecting officer expressed himself as being highly pleased with the bearing of the men and the smart execution of their drill.

### New Platoon Is Formed

Incidentally, since the last issue of the Forty-Niner the Fort Saskatchewan platoon of the battalion has been organized under command of Lt. Harry McKim.

Considerable credit is due officers and N.C.O.'s who have trained men under the direction of Lt. Col. Hale. R.S.M. Charles Laubman, assisted by Sgt. Maj. Bill Angus and Sgt. Maj. Dan Ewing, who are both on the permanent staff, has worked tirelessly to improve the efficiency of the men.

New infantry weapons have been received by the battalion including the anti-tank rifle and the Browning machine gun. Use of these weapons will

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### Much Work at Camp Harris

This sketchy outline of the battalion's activities would not be complete without mention of the work done at Camp Harris, near the Winterburn ranges. This camp, the property of the battalion, has seen much improvement work during the past year. Considerable credit for this goes to Lt. Bert Millar, former quartermaster, who reports that the officers' and sergeants' messes at Camp Harris are now ready for use. Nor must the work of the regimental band under Bandmaster Sgt. Maj. Graydon Tipp be forgotten. The band spent two weeks at Sarcee Camp and played every day, rain or shine. Since its return to the city, the band has also played for numerous parades and has provided music for many other units in Edmonton.

### INFANTRY CORPS AUTHORIZED

Ottawa, Nov. 27—Formation of a corps of infantry in the Canadian (Active) Army was announced to-day by Defence Minister Ralston in a statement from defence headquarters.

The move puts the infantry on the same organizational basis as the artillery, engineers, signals, armored corps, medicals and other branches of the army which are all on a corps rather than a regimental basis or organization.

When the corps comes into being, infantry soldiers will belong to their corps and not to a particular battalion just as artillery-men belong to the artillery and not to a particular regiment or battery. They will be completely interchangeable between units at the will of the higher command.

### Preserve Traditions

Regimental names and traditions, however, will not be discarded. On the contrary, the departmental statement quotes Lt.-Gen. Kenneth Stuart, chief of the General staff, as saying the new system is designed to preserve them.

### HARPER'S STORE BURNS AT DAWSON CREEK

Damage by fire on Wednesday, November 25th, which destroyed the post office and part of the W. O. Harper warehouse, was estimated at \$2000. A small amount of mail was lost. Dawson Creek is about 500 miles northwest of Edmonton. Starting about 5:30 a.m. in the ceiling of the post office, it quickly spread to the store of W. O. Harper who served in the 49th in the last war. At 6:00 a.m. men from the Campbell Construction company, north of the town, arrived at the fire. They formed a life-line chain and were instrumental in saving most of the contents of W. O. Harper's warehouse. The warehouse contents, including many cases of paint, were passed from man to man until they were out of the danger zone. Men of the United States Army engineers assisted in preventing the fire from spreading by pulling down a new restaurant building next to the post office.

### EDMONTON MEN DECORATED

Three members of the Edmonton Regiment, two who served in the 1st Great War and also serve in this war, and one who is serving in this present war, have received the Canadian Efficiency Decoration. Officers receiving the decoration are: Lt.-Col. A. H. Elliott, Major M. F. H. Browse and Major D. A. Petrie. The awards were announced Friday, Nov. 13th, by Military District No. 13.



## A Touched-Up War Diary—F. R. Hasse, Reg. No. 432944

The author of this War Diary is F. R. Hasse, a member of "A" coy. and later "The Signals" and "Transport. He is now a resident of Victoria, B.C., having taken a twenty-year pension from the R.C.M. Police. This Diary is of absorbing interest to the men who were with the battalion in the earlier days in France, just as Mounsey's War Diary was of particular interest to the men who were in France in the later stages. This is the sixteenth instalment.

### CHAPTER 16

**Oct. 11th, 1918**—Take over camp vacated yesterday by an Imperial A.S.C. outfit. One of the best camps we have ever struck. Good dug-outs for ourselves and covered lines for the horses. Good news continues to come down from the front. Our troops reported to be twenty kilometres the other side of Cambrai. Can hear heavy shelling in the distance and thousands of men are being rushed up the line—this evening a string of lorries and London double-deck buses a mile or more long passed our camp, and all laden with troops. Leave list progressing well. Mose Williams returned from Blighty to-day and young Trout got away yesterday. We are told that 155 men from each brigade are now proceeding on leave every week.

**Oct. 12th**—Hec. McKenzie and I spend the day fixing up our dug-out. Discover a dud shell almost hidden in the back wall and later note the hole it made when it came through the roof. It has evidently been there some time and, needless to remark, we do not disturb it. We do some scrounging for material after which Hec, being the skilled craftsman that he is, builds a fireplace and a chimney and we afterwards fix up a couple of bunks. As comfortable a dug-out as one could wish for, and at night we feel well rewarded for our efforts as we sit in front of the open fire.



F. R. Hasse

**Oct. 14th**—A rumour that Germany has agreed to evacuate all conquered territory. Fellows betting that the war will be over by Christmas. Civilians moving back into Queant. Sorry to hear of the death of Slim Hobson. Capt. Hudson, our former O.C., visits our lines.

**Oct. 15th**—We hear with much regret of the death of General Lipsett—killed by a sniper. He is buried in Queant and the whole 3rd Division is represented at the funeral of their old commander. General Lipsett had that inspiring presence about him which is the essential characteristic of every great soldier and leader of men. It was a stroke

of luck for Canada that he happened to be in the country when the war broke out.

**Oct. 16th**—Papers report big victory up North and the capture of Roulers. General Currie inspects the brigade in the afternoon. Tells us that the Canadian Corps may, or may not, be called upon to fight another big battle. He adds that in two months time every battalion will be up to full strength. At the end of his speech he is given three cheers. They can hardly be called rousing cheers—Canadians never seem to be able to cheer like a British crowd. Canadians can make plenty of noise all right but they don't give the deep full-throated cheers that you get from British soldiers, or sailors. Can any Forty-Niner who was on the S.S. "Metagama" in '15 ever forget how those cheers crashed out from the decks of the two British destroyers when they met us. To the writer it was one of the most thrilling moments of the war.

**Oct. 17th**—Our divisional concert party, "The Dumbells," return from their tour of London. Apparently they made quite a hit over there. They put on a new show in Queant to-night. Transport section is allotted only eight tickets—the eagerness of the troops to see the new show is so keen that only a limited number of tickets is supplied each battalion. Draw one of the tickets myself. Thoroughly enjoyed the show, with its new costumes and scenery. These amateur troupers are in the highest spirits and they give us a riotous and merry evening.

**Oct. 18th**—Get the good news of the capture of Lille, also of Ostend. Weather ideal for the Fall campaign—regular Indian Summer. Strong rumours that we move Douai way in a day or two. Dave (Sergt. Irons) tells us in his richest brogue how he was awakened last night by a rumpus at his billets, caused by one of our officers, after a drink too much, underestimating, not entirely without reason, the virtue of a young woman in the building. These little incidents will occur in the best regulated battalions. It is evident, putting two and two together, that Dave played the knight-errant on this occasion.

**Oct. 20th**—Transport takes the road at 8:00 a.m. The companies travel by lorry. Weather breaks and it is drizzling as we set out. Travel by way of Marquion, Aubencheul, Aubigny (where we cross a pontoon bridge), Fresian and Monchecourt. This country we are passing through has only just been evacuated by the Germans. The various towns and villages show little outward signs of war but the interiors of many buildings have been wantonly gutted by the Boche. On two or three occasions we get held up where the road has been mined, one of these mines going up about two hours before we reach the spot. Many of the civilians in this area were evacuated by the Germans but a considerable number remain. The Canadian Corps is reported to be feeding 22,000 of them, so we can expect our rations to be light. Our destination is Aniche, which we reach about 5:30 p.m. Must have travel-

led thirty kilometres to-day and it has been a miserable march, it having rained all the time. Stable our horses in a big freight shed at Aniche. There is a stove in the station ticket-office and we rustle fuel, light a fire, and get dried out.

**Oct. 21st**—On the road again at 8:00 a.m. No lorries to-day and entire battalion hoofs it. Travel through various villages and towns, including Somain, Fenam and Erre. The civilians everywhere give us a great welcome, the kiddies with happy faces aglow running out and grabbing us by the hand, while the "Vive les Canadiens" of their elders set our spines a-tingling. Womenfolk come out of the houses with glasses of beer and cups of cocoa and coffee, which we gulp down as we march along. In one village a slim goodlooking girl is among the crowd of women who are giving us drinks. She is about to proffer a cup of coffee when she is shoved back roughly by another woman. "Madame Boche, Madame Boche," she shouts to us by way of explanation and other women then take up the cry. During the enemy occupation the girl had evidently been the mistress of a German soldier, probably an officer judging by her appearance and good clothes. As we glance back we get a glimpse of a pale face surrounded by a group of angry women. She is striving hard to appear composed but it is very evident she is more than a bit frightened and we feel sorry for her.

The towns and villages we pass through continue to show little signs of war and the inhabitants, many of whom have been working in the coal mines, don't appear to be under-nourished. But there are no two ways about them being delighted to see us. In places where the road has been mined, by the retreating Germans, men, women and children are

hard at work helping to fill in the big craters—our engineers say the civilians had some of the great holes half filled in before they arrived on the scene. The engineers are going to have a mighty busy time of it,—bridges, railroads and roads have been blown up everywhere. The Boche has done a thorough job all right in his destruction of transport facilities. Our march to-day is necessarily slow for we are held up at various places, particularly cross-roads, by the craters. At Somain we are told that the 1st Division got in touch with the enemy at this spot, killing five machine-gunners. We put up for the night at Wandigmes Hamage.

**Oct. 22nd**—We get a rush marching order in the early morning and are on the road at 7:00 a.m. A short march to Hasnon. Our patrols are evidently precipitating Fritz's retreat for we note two bridges which have not been destroyed. All cross-roads however have been blown up. At Hasnon we hear that the 42nd and the R.C.R's. are in touch with the enemy. Battalion gets marching orders at 4:00 p.m. but they only take half of the transport with them. Remainder of the section, including myself, remain at Hasnon. Our billets are in an old factory, which was used by the Germans as a prison camp. Civilians tell us that 700 British prisoners were housed here. From all accounts they were badly fed and had to depend for their subsistence on parcels from home. Sanitary conditions in the camp were obviously non-existent, or almost non-existent. Flags are flying everywhere from houses in Hasnon—for four long years the townspeople have carefully kept them hidden, waiting and waiting for this day of deliverance. We hear that the battalion is spending the night at St. Amand.

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**Oct. 23rd**—On the road in early afternoon. Not a sign of a horse, cow, goat or hen, or any living animal in fact, as we pass through country. The Boche apparently has either killed off everything or else taken it along with him. Arrive at St. Amand, where we join the rest of the transport. Fritz is reported to be less than two miles from St. Amand—he has only just cleared out of the place. A lot of the civilians have been evacuated from St. Amand, but a large number still remain in the town. These latter are touchingly grateful at regaining their freedom. They do everything they can for us and, though they have next to nothing left them, they want to make us little presents, and not one cent will they accept for anything. Our billets, also lines for the horses, are in an old pottery, which Fritz used as a veterinary depot. It is an immense building, big enough to stable several hundred horses. Turn in early and luxuriate in plenty of dry straw.

**Oct. 24th**—All civilians ordered to leave St. Amand—a number were killed and wounded last night when the town was shelled. Many casualties also caused by gas shells, the civilians having no gas masks for protection. Pitiful sights everywhere as the people leave their homes, taking what few possessions they can carry with them. Many are old and feeble yet they are burdened down with quite heavy loads—from homes in which they have lived all their lives. Our fellows are doing what they can to help them. Wounded civilians are numerous and they are being taken away in Red Cross ambulances. Priests and nuns are comforting them and doing a great work. In evening take a stroll through the streets with Tom James. We go into a big empty theatre, notice that the red plush has been stripped from all the seats. The Boche has left little in his systematic pillaging and looting, and our fellows are feeling a bitterness now that they have not experienced in all the years of trench fighting. Just before we turn in for the night an enemy plane flies low over the town. We seldom shoot at planes these days, considering it a waste of ammunition, but this one is flying so low that we get our rifles out and blaze away at it, but without result.

**Oct. 25th**—We are needing a bath badly and hear that one can be had at Aremberg some eight kilometres distant. There is a bath parade after breakfast and we set out for that spot. Our way takes us through Raismes Forest. It has been a noble forest at one time but there is no good timber left standing in it now. It has all been cut down by the Germans, and it is apparent that prisoners were used on the job for we come across various deserted prison camps in the bush. For about two kilometres we walk along a railroad. German thoroughness in destructive measures is again in evidence here. About every hundred yards short chunks have been blown out, or cut out of the steel. Fritz no doubt left in somewhat of a hurry otherwise he would have taken the rails along with him. At Armberg we are rewarded by a good bath and brand-new underwear, so the lice should leave us alone for a few days. Hear that the battalion goes up the line to-morrow to relieve the 42nd, who are on outpost duty. The Forty-Twas apparently are having a good time and they don't want to be relieved. Their only casualties during the trip have been three men wounded by snipers.

**Oct. 26th**—Move up the line cancelled. Hear

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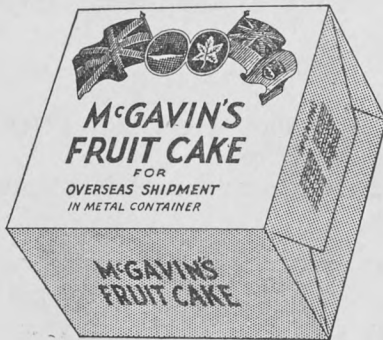
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that we are to return to-morrow to Hasnon. General impression that we are going back to incorporate the new drafts. Living well these days, at least comparatively well, for there are vegetables everywhere that can be had for the taking, many civilian owners having been evacuated to back areas.

**Oct. 27th**—Two small bombs drop in the street we are billeted in, and a girl is wounded. No casualties among the soldiers. We are relieved at noon by the 5th C.M.R.'s. Take the road to Hasnon and on arrival there we take over our old stables in the prison camp. A wet afternoon and evening, but a big mail of parcels and letters cheers the troops up.

**Oct. 28th**—The old prison camp we are billeted in is in a filthy condition and we spend the morning cleaning it up. Battalion on working parties, repairing roads and putting them in good shape. News in the papers is of the best and it is a cheerful crowd that sits around the stove in the evening. It does not take much to start an argument in this section of ours and a great one gets going when someone tells of the only way to swim horses across a river—half a dozen other fellows have different notions and for half an hour or so there is a rare old hullabaloo. A clear night and we can hear great numbers of our bombers heading over towards Fritzie's lines—a sweet sound as we lay on the hard floor and try to keep warm with one blanket apiece. We can hear plenty of Fritzie's planes too, but they drop nothing in this area.

**Oct. 30th**—A few small shells, probably 3-inch, drop in the town but do little damage. Two land in the yard outside our building and make small craters. In afternoon we move back to the great pottery at St. Amand. The C.M.R.'s have their horses in our old stables but we take over other stalls in the immense building. Get the news of Austria's final collapse. "It won't be long now", everyone is saying, "it" of course referring to the end of the war. Everybody in high spirits.

**Oct. 31st**—Turkey follows Austria's lead and surrenders unconditionally. General belief that Germany will cave in anytime now. C.M.R.'s pull out of pottery in morning. Their stables are handier than ours so we move into them without waiting for orders.

**Nov. 1st**—Heavy bombardment up the line in early morning. Hear later in the day that eight hundred enemy prisoners have been taken on the Canadian front. Battalion still on working parties.

**Nov. 2nd**—A day of cold drizzling rain, which makes our quarters in the great pottery seem all the more palatial. In evening go over to the lines of the packers—my old crowd—and we spend the time yarning about the little night adventures we used to have on the Vimy front. While we are talking Southern returns from Somain. Tells us he saw a batch of five hundred German prisoners being escorted through the town, and as they were marched through the streets women shook their fists and cursed them. Prisoners need strong escorts these days. Long letter from home. It is good to know that the severe influenza epidemic in England, which has claimed so many lives, is now abating.

**Nov. 4th**—We move to Anzin, about ten kilo-



metres distant, our route taking us through Raismes. This district is heavily settled and we march throughout between rows of houses. Pitch our horse lines in the shelter of some old mine buildings. Anzin has been shelled heavily and most of the civilian population has been evacuated. Our troops have not been in this area yet and the town is just as the civilians left it. Several of us go for a stroll in the afternoon and our steps take us into the grounds of a large chateau. The building has been hit by shells but the greater portion of it is undamaged. We enter through unlocked doors and find the place just as its former occupants left it a day or two ago. Apparently they took little with them apart from their personal valuables. We wander from room to room, our heavy army boots trespassing on the thick Brussels carpets. Glittering chandeliers, old paintings, exquisite and antique furniture, and a library full of morocco bound books all proclaim the owner to be a man of culture and great wealth. It would appear that he was a German sympathizer, and in cahoots with them, otherwise all this loot would hardly have remained untouched. We explore every corner of the chateau but there is not a vestige of what we are particularly interested in at the moment—food and drink. We afterwards go through the gardens and the big greenhouses. A small detached building near the chateau was evidently the children's nursery and schoolroom. There were apparently three children, and an English governess. It is evident that the latter had gone through her desk hurriedly prior to departure, various old letters, bearing English postmarks, being strewn on the floor. At one end of the building there is an empty stable and here the children had their ponies, with the ponies' names at the head of each stall. Shortly after leaving the chateau we hear it has been taken over by brigade officers—trust them not to miss a plum like this. Our own section is billeted all over the town, and we find cover for most of the horses in various barns. Spend a comfortable night myself at the home of an old blacksmith.

**Nov. 5th**—We are all warned to be on the alert for booby traps and mines. It seems three Canadian engineers were inspecting a clock in an empty house yesterday when an explosion occurred, killing two of them and blinding the third. Hec McKenzie and I explore the great ironworks by the side of the canal. It contains a large number of German wagons, gun carriages and other booty. The fact that these were not destroyed would indicate that Fritz is losing his methodical morale—or perhaps he had to skin out so quickly that he had no time to destroy them. About noon we get a "stand-to", and we are all expecting an advance up the line. An hour later it is cancelled which doesn't make us at all sore, it being a wet miserable day. When Tony Peterson comes back from delivering rations in the afternoon he tells us he saw an old Frenchman dragging a corpse out of his yard. It was the body of a German, slain by our advance guards a couple of days ago, and as the old fellow lugged the heavy body behind him he muttered curse after curse. He was dragging him out by a potato fork, the curved tines of which were stuck into the throat of the dead German. Such is war.

#### PROMOTED CAPTAIN

Word was received here in June of the promotion to Captain of Lieut. James G. Rowlatt. He served as an officer with the 19th Alberta Dragoons before enlisting with the active army at the outbreak of war.

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Presentation Made on New Year's Day at Annual Levee by Lieut. Gov. J. C. Bowen—All Served in France During Last War and Have Been in Army Since Outbreak of Present Conflict.



MAJ. H. J. TOWERTON



CAPT. H. H. DOUCETTE

Efficiency Decorations were presented to four well-known Edmonton officers of the Canadian Army Friday afternoon. The presentations took place in the Legislative buildings during the annual New Year's Day levee held by His Honor Lt.-Gov. J. C. Bowen, who pinned the decorations on the recipients. To be eligible for the Efficiency Decoration, candidates must have 20 years of continuous service, and must have served in the army on or after December, 1931. Lt.-Col. Allan H. Elliott served in France during the Great War of 1914-18 with the 49th Battalion, and since the outbreak of the present war, has been officer commanding No. 13 District here. Maj. H. J. Towerton is an officer of the Edmonton Fusiliers. In peacetime a school teacher, he has devoted himself to instructional work since outbreak of this war. He is attached to the instructional cadre of the Currie Barracks Training Centre, Calgary, and has been assigned C.O.T.C. training. Maj. D. A. Petrie is an officer of the Edmonton Regiment. He served in the Great War, and went overseas in December of 1939 with the 1st Battalion, Edmonton Regiment. He is now attached to the Canadian Army Basic Training Centre No. 133 (Wetaskiwin). Capt. H. H. Doucette is an officer of the Edmonton Fusiliers. He is a member of the staff at No. 13 District Wing, Prince of Wales Armory. The presentation ceremony was replete with color. The four officers honored were paraded into the legislative chamber by Lt.-Col. E. Bowen, M.M., E.D., area commandant, and on being introduced to His Honor, received the decorations from His Honor, who also extended his congratulations.



LT.-COL. A. H. ELLIOTT



MAJ. D. A. PETRIE

## ASSOCIATION CHURCH PARADE WELL ATTENDED — CAPTAIN E. T. SCRAGG OFFICIATED

**Good Parade Notwithstanding Postponement—Garrison Troops and Veterans Make Fine Showing—Old Colours Not Carried, Not Strong Enough to be Unfurled.**

The 16th Annual Church Parade and service was held on Sunday, August 9th and was a very successful function.

It was the first time in our post war history that the parade had not been held on the Sunday following exhibition week. The postponement was necessary owing to the 2nd Battalion and their band being in attendance at the annual training camp at Sarcee. The committee was in doubt as to the turnout under the circumstances, but were agreeably surprised at the fine response.

The Fall In was as usual on the Market square at 10:30 a.m. under the command of Maj.-Gen. W. A. Griesbach, C.B., C.M.G., D.S., V.D., K.C. The parade marched down 101st Street to Victoria Avenue past the Cenotaph, where respects were paid in passing, to 107th Street and then south to the Legislative buildings.

Leading the parade was the band of the 2nd Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, under Sgt. Graydon Tipp, and at intervals the Canadian Legion Pipe band under Piper Major Henry Laing, and the Canadian Corps Boy's band under Thomas Duguid.

Several units had courteously accepted the association's invitation to attend the service. The 2nd Bn. E.R. under the command of Lt.-Col. Walter Hale, M.C., Canadian Corps Association led by John Turner, 1st Vice-President; Canadian Legion, headed by Harold Tanner, president, former 49er; and H. D. Lynn, president of the Army & Navy Veterans, led that unit.

On arrival at the grounds the parade formed in hollow square facing the improvised pulpit. The drums and colours having been deposited in the centre, the parade was given over to Captain, Rev. E. T. Scragg, D.D., garrison chaplain.

The service was very impressive with the background of fully matured greenery, and the large building on the hill giving strength and force to the thought of all to see this war through and dedicate ourselves to the effort, in memory of those who had given their all in the last great fight of our Commonwealth.

The text for the sermon was, "If I forget Thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her skill." In opening his sermon Capt. Scragg paid tribute to our late chaplain, Captain the Rev. Canon G. G. Reynolds, who, although sick, insisted on taking the service last year. "He was a gallant Christian gentleman and a man of fine character", the chaplain said.

Praising the achievements of our men in the last Great War, he mentioned those who had made the supreme sacrifice. "This day is one of remembrance, one of recognition and Divine power and one of rededication. Ominous clouds now roll across the sky, but they will not last for ever. Let each man do his part and perform his duty with courage."

The chaplain also paid tribute to the other units, who by their participation in the parade and service helped in its success, "May I say simply and earnestly, God bless you on this day," he declared. Concluding, he said, "We know the enemy's days are numbered. God chooses between them and us and we have no doubt of His divine justice."

The order of service was as follows: Opening Hymn, (Tune Coronation) "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!" Scripture-Psalm 16. Prayers. Hymn, (Tune "St. Anne"). "O God our help in Ages past." Address, "Lest We Forget." Offertory, for the work of the 49th Battalion Association. During the taking of the offertory, Sgt. Cliff Wright of the Edmonton Regiment band played a trumpet solo, "Trees." "The Supreme Sacrifice" was then sung and finally, "God Save The King."

Forming up in column of route, the parade marched back along 107th St. to Jasper Avenue, past 105th St. where Lt. Gov. Bowen took the salute, thence to the market square. Here the units dispersed, except the 2nd (Reserve) Bn. Edmonton Regt. which paraded to the Prince of Wales Armoury for dismissal.

The Forty-Niner was as usual distributed before the dismissal of the association.

The order of march of the companies of the association was, "C" coy. led by Major M. F. H. Browne, M.M., "D" coy. led by J. J. Blewett, "A" coy., J. W. H. Williams, "B" coy., H. O. Palmer. Parade Adjutant was Major R. C. Arthurs, M.C., R.S.M. was Sid. Parsons, 2nd i/c Col. L. C. Harris, V.D.

The luncheon was attended by a goodly number of the men and their families, and outside of the meal was for the most part given up to table talk.

In a brief talk to those present the General complimented the men on their mellowing old age and infirmities, and the 2nd Battalion for their attendance, also the several bands for their fine playing. He did not forget the 1st Battalion overseas and said they were still keeping up the good name of the Regiment even if at that time they had not been at deadly grips with the enemy.

He then called on Sidney Parsons, acting Mayor and in a few well thrown words said, "I little thought that one of our 'boys' would come up from the rear rank and be acting Mayor of the City. A City of which he had been the Mayor." Sid. in his reply for the City, said, "He was pleased to be there as acting Mayor and he had pleasure in the fact, that if only acting it was of a City of 90,000 and not a cowtown as when the General was Mayor in 1905."

Col. Hale was called upon for a few words regarding the 2nd Battalion. He said that the men are taking to the modern training in fine style, and he was pleased with the reception given him and his men, and the words of praise on the men's bearing and conduct on the march.

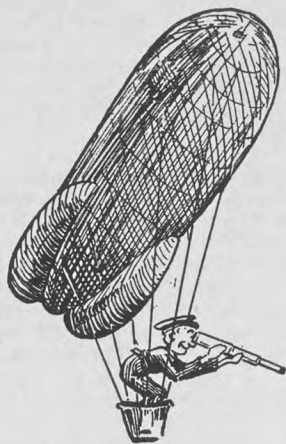
### Shots at Random

"C" coy. apparently must have the lead to cause them to turn out in goodly numbers. "D" coy. will have to look to its laurels for "C" was the strongest on parade.

The troops can still take it on the march, or at least partly, for it was noticed most companies gained about a third in strength from leaving the market square to returning there.

Several returned men of the 1st Edmonton Regiment were noticed and welcomed to our ranks. We hope they will continue to swell our thinning ranks as they return to Alberta.





## Where Is My Wandering Boy?

**Bob Mayes**, 870 Ave., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, writes to send his dues and says: Dear Norman, the inspiration for writing now is the receipt of the Magazine, for which I thank you. Once again one can only say that it upholds the standard of previous issues and makes interesting reading.

I was sorry to learn that Major Chattel had passed on, a reminder though that time does not stand still, but takes its toll steadily, year after year. Would like to make one of your banquets, but it is the wrong time of the year to make it from this distance. I was in Winnipeg as a delegate to the Legion Convention and had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Tanner, but was unable to make the acquaintance of Maj. Arthurs who I believe was also in attendance. Managed to spend one evening with Admiral Williams and enjoyed talking over old days and old friends.

Ex-members here are few now but I hope that they are keeping their dues paid up. No doubt most of your correspondents have something to say about the War, so I'll give that subject a skip. I saw Gen. Griesbach on the station platform at Brandon, when I was on the way to the convention. If you see Geo. Low anytime you might be good enough to offer him my kind regards. I always hear from him and Brennen at Christmas time.

Congratulations are certainly due to those responsible for the magazine and I would like to add my appreciation along with others who have done so.

**F. C. Hornby** writes us from 4211, Alla Road, Venice, California, thanking us for the 49er, enclosing dues. He tells us that he meets **Fred Marshall**, (Beverly Hills Post) and **Barrett** (Hollywood Post) from time to time. He also mentions meeting **Mrs. Tom Moss** and **Mrs. Fred Sheldon**. He is now Chaplain of his own Post. Thanks for the very kind words, F. C. and we will certainly convey your best regards to **Fred Hasse** and **Earle Hay**.

**James Turnbull**, 432174, enlisted 4th January, 1915 in the 49th. Served in Headquarters. Discharged March 21st or 22nd, 1919. Served for 4 years and 2 months. Civil occupation Guard, Coleman, Alberta. Home address, Blairmore, Alberta.

**J. J. Nolan**, 2435 31st Avenue, San Francisco, Cal. writes as follows: I am back home for a short stay and I just have had time enough to reflect and remember it is some time since I paid any dues. So here goes. I receive the 49er regularly and enjoy portions of it very much but there are others not so good, I have reference to your Column on Last Post. It's tough to read of those buddies

passing on after going through the tough spots. They tried to lay me away last year, had me in bed for four months, but I want to wait and see this show finished, then I don't care. I saw Comrade Frazer last week. He seems to be taking the world in stride, looking good. If I ran for office and was elected I'd try and amend the Hunting Laws so it would be open season on Japs for 25 years and preserve some other animals like Deer and Elk. Please extend my very best wishes to any of the Boys you may chance to meet and my sympathy to those deserving same.

We have a long and interesting letter from **Mr. and Mrs. Magee**, 7548 Selkirk Street, Vancouver, B.C. Old friends of Harry will be glad to know he is again doing his bit, this time in a shipyard. Good luck, Harry, and keep on with the good work.

**Reg. Watts**, 100724, Barrhead, Alberta says he intends to try and get in for the banquet and persuade **Kelly Farrell** of "A" coy. to come along with him. Here's hoping he managed it and is sitting down with you now, enjoying the Elk meat.

From **Arthur Tinkler**, we acknowledge receipt of dues and also best wishes to all. Thanks for letter, Arthur, and also for questionnaire. Others please note!

**Alex. Whyte** reports from Thorhild, Alta., safe arrival of the 49er, and also encloses dues. He sends best wishes to all and a special "Hello" to **George Crockett**, (of Crockett's Horse!) Thanks, Alex, always glad to hear from the old timers and to publish any "Hello's".

From far-off 214 Allen Avenue, Ferndale, Michigan, U.S.A., **H. C. Cruickshank** sends us greetings, dues and a special remembrance to **Bob Whyte**. He tells us that he received the last number of the 49er on the exact date that he was wounded at Amiens, twenty four years ago. Quite a coincidence eh? He, himself, has been rejected for service, but he has a boy of sixteen serving the local Home Guard. That's the old spirit, H.C.

We acknowledge receipt of dues and a donation for the "Cigs" Fund from **Peter Dunn**, New Sarepta, Alta. Thanks for both, Peter, and also for the kind words re magazine. Always glad to hear from you, old timer.

From Box 57, Clairmont, Alta., **D. McPherson** sends us thanks for the 49er and also dues. Thanks a lot, Mac, it helps a lot to know that all of you old 49ers get so much enjoyment from the magazine.

We acknowledge dues and good wishes from **M. A. McCauley**, of Notikewin, Alta. Thanks for the letter, Mac, and try and get down next summer; you'll see lots of old friends and have a good time.

## Forty Niners

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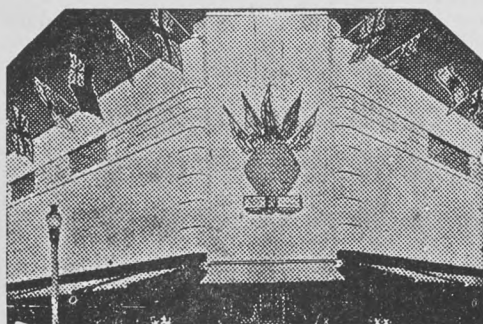
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Dues and a very interesting letter reach us from **Spencer Tuck**, Pouce Coupe, B.C. Spence tells us that he is now in the B.C. Forest Service, as Forest Ranger, having tried vainly to get into the current "brawl". Never mind, old timer, you're doing a good job that is absolutely essential, and a job that has to be done properly, too.

Dues reach us from **J. H. Coward**, Donnelly, Alta. Glad you are receiving the magazine O.K. and thanks for writing, J. H.

We have an interesting letter from **F. W. P. Craig**, 1472 William St. Vancouver, B.C. who is president of the 49th Association of Vancouver. He tells us of visiting the "General" in hospital and mentions that **Bill Morris**, **Edgar Arnold** and **Roy Stedman** also paid visits to "Billy". On behalf of the Edmonton Branch, thanks a lot, men.

Dues and best wishes to all from our old friend **W. H. Jack**, of Clyde, Alta. Thanks a lot old timer, pleased to hear from you again.

We hear from **F. W. P. Craig**, Vancouver, that **Monty Howard**, Treasurer of their Branch, and in the service of the Imperial Bank of Canada, has been transferred from the Coast to the Main Branch at Winnipeg. Congrats, Monty we hope you will connect up with the boys there, especially **Botel**.

**Arthur Tinkler**, Reg. No. 433139. Enlisted in 1915 with 49th Bn. and posted to No. 4 platoon, later transferred to No. 15 platoon. Received G.S.W. left shoulder and left knee. Discharged December, 1918. Accountant on construction. Present address, Box 730, Prince George, B.C. Permanent address, 178 Clarence Street, Port Colborne, Ont. Married.

**General Griesbach** gathered the following particulars when he was in Vancouver this Fall:

**Roy Stedman**, 809143, 5th platoon, "B" coy. Address, 864 E 16th Ave., Vancouver. He is working in the Boeing Aircraft Company in the sheet metal division. He has a daughter 17½ and a son 15½ who is going into the navy next year.

**Edgar Arnold**, 432190, 15th platoon, "D" coy. Address, 1319 E 37th Ave., Vancouver. He has a wife and two children, girl 16 and boy 8. He is foreman at the Faircrest Furniture Company. He is a brother of the Corresponding Secretary.

**William Morris**, 811763, 2477 21 St. Vancouver. He is married with five children, three girls 20, 18 and 14 and two boys 15 and 8. He is employed in the Fummerfield Engineering Works, Vancouver. Sorry I omitted to get his platoon and company. Morris should forward them along.

**A. E. W. Roberts**, formerly of Wembley, now of Edmonton, is serving with the Recruiting Office Prince of Wales Armoury. Anyone desiring to enlist please ask for Cpl. Roberts.

**Lt. Raoul L. Esmonde**, of this city, and a former clerk of the district court here for many years, was promoted to the rank of Captain last November. He served during the last war with the 49th Bn. C.E.F. from January 1915 to March 1918, when he transferred to the Royal Air Force and became a pilot. He was appointed regimental Sgt.-Major of the Red Deer training centre when it was first organized.



Now retired on account of ill health and residing at 738 Cardero St. Vancouver, **C. W. A. Dawes** has written his old friend, Jack Blewett, to say that he is feeling better and that the milder climate is agreeing with him. He is living near Stanley Park and English Bay, with a full front view of the mountains. He says he misses his old friends, wants to be remembered to them all and is looking forward to the next issue of the magazine. Dawes was formerly in the City Assessor and Tax Collector's office and was always much more popular with the public than most tax collectors sometimes are. We reciprocate his greetings and hope he is now feeling fully fit. As will be recalled, **Capt. Leonard Dawes**, who went overseas with the 1st Edmonton Regt., is his brother, both having been original members of 15 platoon in the first great war.

**Harold Pinkney**, 1 ptn. "A" coy, Blairmore, Alta. writes: How are you all? Time marches on. Enclosed, Norman, you will find a Postal Note for two dollars. **Vince Olich** of Bellevue dropped in the store the other day and handed me this and asked if I wouldn't mind sending the same on to you. He wants you to apply \$1.50 for Association Dues and the other 50 cents he said for you to apply as you see fit so you will send him his card to Bellevue, Alberta.

Guess **Dicky Barcroft** is quite proud of his boy. I saw by the papers this year he rode quite well at the different race meets. See **Bob Perry** of old 4 platoon once in a while and he is keeping a lot better since his operation. His boy is in the Air Force now. Kindest regards to all, Norman, including Vic. Dingley, J. W. H. Williams, Geo. Gleave, Col. Allan Elliot. Had a fellow at my house the other night (Bill Innes, Royal Bank Manager at Bellevue now). He knows Charlie Matheson well and was a great friend of Jim (C. G.) Mead of "A" coy.

**C. L. (Tiny) Wall** writes from 1801 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Calif. as follows:

Dear Comrade: I wonder if it would be too much of a favour to ask that you get in touch with my son James (Jim) Rendell Wall, R 197750, A.C.2 J. Wall, No. 3 Manning Depot, R.C.A.F. Edmonton. Let him know that as the son of a 49er he is welcome at your Club Rooms. Jim failed to enlist in U.S. Air Force because of his alien status (Can. Citizen by birth) so through the British Consul enlisted in Vancouver and then on to Edmonton. So at present he's a stranger in his own country and his own city, so I would be grateful if you would extend the hand of fellowship and welcome. Please contact Tommy Booker if in town 432351 now Sgt. Major T. E. Booker, 535005 "D" coy. 2nd Bn. Edmonton Regt. He is at Grande Prairie, but his home is in Edmonton. I know Tommy will be glad to see Jim. The Cor. Secty. got in touch with Jim Wall and he called in one evening. Jim seems a stout lad and "Tiny" should be proud of him.

**Frank M. Duguid**, High Prairie writes to say: "Your copy of the Forty Niner just received. I was very pleased to receive it and must say it is excellently made up. I enjoyed reading all the articles, particularly War Diary by Hasse. It sure brings back old memories. We have a fine club here and see the members are keenly interested which makes for success. Ed. Becker was telling me he gave you my address. Hope to see you again soon."

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**David Hardie Glass**, Sergeant, 904908 enlisted April 3, 1916 in the 194th Battn. Joined the Forty Ninth November 1916 and was posted to "C" coy. 12 platoon. Discharged 22 March, 1919. Served for 3 years. Civil occupation general merchant in small country store. Rocky Rapids P. O. Alberta. Married, wife and 2 children. Platoon Commander V.V.R., Commissioner for Oaths, Chairman, Local School Board. William Glass, brother, was killed at Avion, 9th June, 1917. He was in "C" coy. 49th Bn.

**Alburn F. Procter**, 309 10, U.S. Nat'l. Bank. The Dalles, Oregon, was in touch with the association regarding his service in the last war. He was offered a job in the American Dental Corps, and he had the usual red tape to go through. He is very descriptive in his writing of the changed conditions of life in the army and civilian ways. We hope he gets a chance to pull the "teeth" of Fritz, as he assisted to do in the last blowup. We all wish him the best of luck.

**Mrs. A. Hutchison**, 204 5th St. W. Calgary, writes as follows, for her husband No. 358336, **Pte. A. Hutchison**: Please find enclosed (50 cents) fifty cents. I have been going to send it before, but at last here it comes. I hope you are well, kind regards to all.

**Angus McQ. Docherty** "Doc" 432064, enlisted in the 49th Bn. on the 4th January, 1915, posted to 1 platoon "A" coy. and Transport. Discharged March, 1919. Served for 4 years, 2 months. Civil occupation City Power house employee. Married, wife, no children. Home address 8725 94A Avenue. Remarks: Remember me to **Capt. Hudson**, also **Sgt. G. Young**, **Sgt. Dave Irons**.

**James Todd**, 432526, Box 14 Strome, Alberta, turned up too early for the church parade this last summer. He had not heard the radio announcement of the postponement. He intended to make up for this by attending the banquet. Look around, you may see him.

**J. L. Clinton**, 101139, enlisted in the 66th, Aug. 15, 1915. Joined the 49th, July 1916, and was posted to 6 platoon, "B" coy. He was wounded during his service. Discharged, June 1918, with 3 years service. Married, and has two girls. Address 209 Portage Ave. Chilliwack, B.C. He is the club steward at the Legion club, and doing all he can to ease the parched throats of all the old Vets who call around. He has only met one 49er at Chilliwack during the 5 years he has been there.

#### WINDOW DEDICATED

Dedication of a stained glass window in Holy Trinity church to the late Canon G. G. Reynolds, former rector, and late chaplain of the 49th Bn. Association, was made at Sunday morning service last October by Rev. W. M. Nainby, rector of the church.

Church wardens came forward to ask on behalf of the congregation that the window, placed in the church by Canon Reynolds' family, be dedicated.

Mr. Nainby observed that a new church seldom has the air of consecration that an old one has. The actual ceremony of consecration is only the first in a long series, he said, and that is why consecration is more often achieved in some humble, old, wooden church. "Flood after flood of human emotions have flowed over the building" making it more holy in His name, he said.

## ANYTHING TO DO WITH GOOD AND WELFARE OF FORTY-NINERS HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOSTERED AND DEVELOPED BY NORMAN ARNOLD

**Was a Drummer Boy as Far Back as 1903—Enlisted in Famous Worcesters in 1909—Stood to for First Time in 1911 During Agadir Crisis in Morocco—An Envious Wartime Record in 49th—Helped Mould Many an Awkward Recruit into a Fighting Soldier—Now Physical Training Director in Fire Department—Has Pilot Officer Son in Present Conflict.**

Even though he was born twenty odd years too soon to be on active service in World War II, Norman Arnold was a soldier years before the last so-called "War to End all Wars". He is still serving and will undoubtedly continue to do so in some



**Norman Arnold, Corresponding Secy. and Editor-in-Chief of Forty-Niner**

useful capacity until the last roll is called of all the truly faithful.

### **Came to Canada in 1912**

Born at Colwyn Bay, N. Wales in the second years of the nineties, this future Forty-Niner attended school there before entering another which he now claims was a finishing school of experience in the outside world at large, which schooling he says is not finished yet. When fifteen years old, his family moved to Stourbridge, Worcestershire, and in 1912 came to Canada and straight to Ed-

monton. His first experience in Alberta was on a homestead near Busby, but when in January 1915 he found he couldn't even milk a cow, the urge to serve his country was too great. He quit the farm and made tracks to Edmonton to join up. He signed on with the 49th on the first day of recruiting and was posted almost immediately to 14 platoon with the rank of sergeant. Many a rookie was drilled in the awkward squad by this painstaking N.C.O. during the days when D coy. men were learning the rudiments of soldiering to make them what was perhaps the most outstanding aggregation in the battalion. No matter how much that suggestion may be questioned by those of other companies, Norman Arnold did much to mould the men who fought in the ranks of this steady lot of toughened red blooded stalwarts.

### **Was Drummer Boy in Welsh Fusiliers**

In his teen age years, young Arnold was a footballer and played right half in the Stourbridge Juniors, who won the District Championship Cup in 1909. Before coming to Canada he served for three years in the Welsh Fusiliers (Volunteers) as drummer boy. In 1909, he enlisted in the famous Worcestershire Regiment and served in the 1st Battalion at Borden Camp near Bramshot and later at Parkhurst. Isle of Wight. He was one of those in uniform to line the streets on Picadilly at the funeral of King Edward VII, and later at the Coronation of King George V, when his battalion camped in Hyde Park. Counted also in his prewar military services was special emergency duty in 1911 during the Railway and Coal Mine strike of that year, in and around Cardiff. He witnessed some exciting scenes when assisting the police to clear the streets of rioters. In the same year he was one of many to stand to for two days during the Agadir crisis in French Morocco when tension between Germany and France, the latter supported by her ally, Britain, was so great.

### **An Authority on Physical Training**

Ever since the days of his youth, Norman has been interested in physical training. His company won the championship for the best P.T. showing in 1911. He has kept up with all the latest in this necessary form of training and has personally conducted and supervised it for the Edmonton Fire Department members. A long distance runner of some prowess was also one of his many accomplishments in his earlier years. He came third in a race won by the then famous, "Strip" Webb in 1911. Always smartly groomed, polished, blanched and shined up in constant readiness for parade occasions and ceremonials, the R.S.M. of the Worcesters chose young Arnold as the smartest recruit under his supervision.

### **His Service in 49th Battalion**

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49th would perhaps be superfluous to most of our members. It was an enviable one. "D" coy. was always his pride and delight. He was successively sergeant of 14 platoon, C.S.M. after Ypres, succeeding "Daddy" Mills of fond memory. For part of 1917-18, he was acting R.S.M. On more than one occasion he declined the offer of a commission. He was seriously wounded in the 1915 June scrap in Sanctuary Wood, invalided to England and returned to France the following year. Any war-time duty assigned to this affable Forty-niner was thoroughly and most efficiently performed. He was known among the French lassies of certain billets as the "Petit Sergeant Major" over which nom-de-plume, he has many times contributed articles and stories for our Association magazine. There probably never was among the non-commissioned personnel of the entire battalion in France a better known or more popular, fairminded and courageous member of this wartime Edmonton regiment.

#### Lectures on A. R. P. Work

In July 1919, Norman Arnold returned to Canada and for a brief spell tried farming which he soon gave up to join the Edmonton Fire Department, in which he holds the position of Physical Training Director. He has given valuable aid to A. R. P. organization work by many lectures on fire fighting. He is at present R.S.M. of the North Edmonton V.V.R. and has association with many other war effort activities.

#### Tireless Worker in Association

As Corresponding Secretary of the Forty-Ninth Battalion Association and Editor-in-Chief on the Forty-Niner magazine, this tireless worker has stuck to his duties with the other two of the well-known dauntless three, Earle Hay, honorary secretary, and Neville Jones, treasurer. Hundreds of letters are received and written by him in the course of a year's correspondence. Those who receive the magazine have attested their appreciation of the good work being done by our capable editor.

#### Norman Junior a Pilot Officer

Following in his worthy father's footsteps, Norman Arnold, Jr. lost no time in joining up to play his part in the present conflict. He enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and is now a Pilot Officer in Eastern Canada, standing ready for his call to proceed Overseas. Miss Dorothy Arnold, a daughter, is a stenographer in the Alberta Govt. Telephones. Mrs. Arnold takes a very keen interest in all Forty-Niner activities and is well known to a great many of our members. It will be recalled that Norman had two brothers in the 49th, Harry and Edgar, and a brother-in-law, George Crockett, whose ever popular vocal rendering of "Baby Face" gave him that nickname. A very great deal could be said and told of the part Norman Arnold has played in the history of this proud regiment. His good work will not soon be forgotten.

NOTE:—It seldom happens that the director of a publication does not see what goes into type before the impression in ink is finally made, but the above appreciation of our associate's services is so well merited that it is now voiced to our member readers but without the recipient's knowledge of what is said before it goes to press. The writer feels that what is written of Norman Arnold's virtues is shared by all those who have at anytime served with him in any capacity.—N. E. COOK.

## NEWS AND VIEWS OF YOUNG BATTALION'S DOINGS IN CANADA AND ENGLAND

Items of Interest in Local Newspapers Rewritten for Our Magazine Readers,  
in chronological Sequence . . . By Norman Arnold

### Given Promotion

August, 1942—

Lt.-Col. E. B. Wilson, until recently officer commanding the Edmonton Regiment overseas, has been promoted as staff officer with headquarters of the 1st Canadian Division, it was learned in Edmonton in July. Lt.-Col. Wilson went overseas with the Edmonton Regiment as a second-in-command shortly after the outbreak of war. He assumed command late in 1940, succeeding Lt.-Col. W. G. Stillman, who was posted to Canadian military headquarters. Former Edmonton lawyer, Lt.-Col. Wilson is one of the youngest unit commanders in the Canadian army. He was active in militia work here for many years as an officer of the Edmonton Regiment, N.P.A.M.

Lt.-Col. Kenneth Hamilton has been promoted and given command of the No. 4 Casualty Clearing Station in England, according to word received in Edmonton by his wife. Lt.-Col. Hamilton, who was a prominent Edmonton physician before he enlisted went overseas in 1939 with the 1st Battalion, Edmonton Regiment as medical officer, with the rank of captain. No. 4 C.C.S. is an Edmonton unit having been mobilized here on the outbreak of war. Recently Lt.-Col. Hamilton has been serving with No. 5 Canadian General Hospital with the rank of Major.

It was also learned here at the same time that Lieut. Donald Jacquest, formerly of 11111 85th Avenue, has been appointed quartermaster of the Edmonton Regiment overseas. He is the youngest quartermaster in the Canadian army. He is only 21. A graduate of the University of Alberta, Lieut. Jacquest is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jacquest, of this city.

Lt. S. C. Riggs, Edmonton Regiment, 10004 114 Street, Edmonton, and Lieut. E. N. H. Pritchard, Edmonton, of the Edmonton Regiment, have been promoted to rank of Captain.

James S. (Jim) Speakman, former C.P.R. Red Cap at Edmonton, and son of J. S. Speakman, C.P.R. depot ticket clerk, Edmonton, who enlisted as a corporal with the 49th battalion at Edmonton in September, 1939, and transferred to the Provost Corps in May, 1941, has recently been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, according to word received by his father. Arthur F., younger son of J. S. Speakman and brother of James, has recently enlisted with the Provost Corps and soon hopes to be transferred overseas to the same company as his brother. Frank Pye, a grandson of J. S. Speakman, has also enlisted recently, joining the 49th Bn., E.R.

### Lauds War Writer

Ross Munro, Canadian Press war correspondent is of the fearless type, hard-working newspaper man who writes of things just as he sees them at first hand, said Will Samis, Namao, returned soldier, on Friday. His stories of the Canadian raid on Spitsbergen were realistic accounts and in no way exaggerated. Although quartered with the officers,

Munro mixed freely with the men, did everything he could for them, and was immensely popular with them, said Mr. Samis. He was a private in the Edmonton Regiment before his discharge following injuries received in a motorcycle accident in England. On the Northern raid of a year ago he served as cook for a party of 22 officers.

### Ross Munro Lauds Fighting Men

Lance Corporal Ronald Plant, 29-year-old member of the Edmonton Regiment overseas credited in a Canadian Press dispatch from London Saturday with shooting down a German plane with a Bren gun fired from the hip, is the son of V. W. Plant of Nanaimo who has four other sons in the Canadian army overseas and a fifth in the army in Canada. Mr. Plant said all his boys had been "brought up to marksmanship" from their childhood days on their prairie farm at Jarvie, Alta. For L/Cpl. Plant it was the second such incident since he went overseas. In June, 1940, he was serving aboard a British trawler which was attacked by two German planes in the North sea. Plant and a fellow-gunner, a member of a B.C. regiment, shot down one plane into the sea and probably damaged the other which was last seen trailing smoke and losing height. They divided the credit for this achievement. On that occasion, however, Plant used the approved anti-plane weapon, an anti-aircraft gun. He was then an anti-aircraft gunner aboard the trawler.

### Realistic Manoeuvres in Blighty

Ross Munro gives a vivid description of some realistic manoeuvres in Blighty and in this report says: The tanks of the Calgary regiment crunched ahead and three battalions of infantry—the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry from Winnipeg and Victoria, the Seaforth Highlanders from Vancouver, and the Edmonton regiment—broke from cover and raced into the advance. On the flanks the Royal Montreal regiment fired its medium machineguns—Vickers chattering like hellish typewriters.

### Live Ammunition

Every soldier used live ammunition and the air was filled with shrieking, whistling bullets and shells. It was battle training at its realistic climax. Every regiment in the Canadian corps is going through such trials to accustom it to artillery concentrations and barrages bursting near and the pandemonium of a battle field.

There is a real element of danger in these attack schemes which are far from sham exercises. Only the day before the attack in which I participated, three privates in the Patricias were killed when a shell fell short.

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The Churchills lumbered through a forest and as artillery and trench mortars laid down smoke screens spreading out for a mile, they pushed right into the edge of the barrage, tank crews protected by their heavy armored hulls and turrets.

The infantry swarmed through a wheat field like grasshoppers in Saskatchewan and in 20 minutes the Pats were on their first objective.

They took cover in woods and in ditches and picked up pieces of still warm shrapnel left by the barrage which preceded them.

### Proud of Battalion Badges

Original members of the Edmonton Regiment (overseas), five city and district soldiers have returned from England to take an officers' training course. They are Sgt. Lester Taplin, Sgt. Reginald O'Donnell, Sgt. William Langston, all of Edmonton, and Sgt. Douglas Fraser, St. Paul; Sgt. Alex McCallum, Mannville; Sgt. George Garbutt, of Calgary who transferred to the Edmonton Regiment from brigade headquarters, also has returned to Canada. Sgt. Taplin said members of the Edmonton Regiment "are fit as fiddles and rarin' to go . . . The Edmonton Regiment is without a peer. The boys are anxious to get a crack at the Hun and when they do it will be a good hard crack." He declared, "You may be sure the Edmonton Regiment is tops when you find Calgary men wearing 'Edmonton' on their epaulettes and liking it."

The men declared many changes in personnel had taken place in the regiment, including the transfer of Lt.-Col. E. Wilson, officer commanding, to divisional headquarters. Maj. George Beaton, former company commander, has left for duty in the postal corps, and Capt Leonard Dawes, original transport officer, has gone to divisional headquarters. Sgt. Taplin said Lieut. Harper Prowse, former Edmonton newspaperman, had taken commando training and "is anxious to get a wallop at the Huns."

### Weds in Blighty

A photo of the wedding group, appeared in a local paper this month, of Lieut. Richard Talbot Crawley, 49th Edmonton Regiment and his bride, the former Miss Joan Pamela Oldham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Oldham, of Brighton, Sussex. Lt. Crawley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Crawley, of 8 Wellington Crescent, Edmonton. Flight Lieutenant James Walker, R.C.A.F., of Edmonton was best man. Capt. Robert Proctor, Edmonton Regiment, was an usher. The ceremony took place at St. John's Church, Hove, Sussex, on July 4th.

### Give Wholehearted Service

Another family contributing 100 per cent to the total war effort is that of Fred Harris, well-known Ponoka businessman, the entire family being in service. Two sons are in active service overseas, John with the First Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, and Bill with the 13th Field Artillery. Mrs. Harris has enlisted with the Canadian Women's Army Corps and left recently for the Vermilion Training Centre. Mr. Harris, a veteran of the First Great





Sergeant Roy Hawkins



Lieut. Donald Jacquest



Captain Robert L. Pell

War, enlisted again in this war with the 23rd Provost Company, Calgary, for one year. Then he was discharged owing to physical disability caused by wounds suffered in the last war. Although rejected for active service, he is a sergeant-major instructor with the local reserve unit.

Five sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hodgson, of Blue Ridge, on the White Court line, are in uniform with the Canadian Forces. They are, Albert, in the Navy at Esquimalt; James, in Army, Nova Scotia; Fred, Signal service overseas, 1st Bn. Edmonton Regt.; Richard, Air Force at Dauphin; Edwin, Army, at Camp Borden.

James White of Camrose who is with the Edmonton Regiment overseas, has a brother Irving P. with the armored brigade overseas, who in August was promoted C.Q.M.S. Their parents L/Cpl. (Vets. Guard) and Mrs. James V. White reside at Camrose.

#### Arrive Overseas

Lt. A. V. Soley, son of Mrs. Lily Soley, 11924 103 Avenue, and the late William Soley arrived safely overseas. He enlisted in the ranks of the 2nd (Reserve) Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, and after being promoted to the rank of corporal, was commissioned. He went to Gordon Head, B.C., for training last October, and after, took an advanced qualifying course at Currie Barracks Training Centre. He is a reinforcement officer for the Edmonton Regiment overseas. His father was killed in action in April, 1918, while serving in France with the Canadian Engineers. Lt. Soley, for several years, was a member of The Bulletin Staff.

#### Transfers to R.C.A.F.

According to word received here Delmer C. Dreger, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dreger of 8622 101 St., has transferred from the Edmonton Regiment to the Air Force. He enlisted with the regiment at the outbreak of war and has been overseas since December, 1939. He hopes to be a fighter pilot.

#### Receive Promotions

##### September, 1942—

Twenty-seven soldiers qualified for their second "pips" as lieutenants and were presented with certificates at a graduation ceremony at A.16 Currie Barracks. Included in the list were these men from Edmonton: Elwood M. Mason, Edmonton Regiment; Edmond B. Allen, Edmonton Regiment, Regina; 2nd Lt. George R. Henderson, 1st Bn. Edmonton Regiment; Lieut. Allen, Lieut. Mason and Lieut. Henderson, have been overseas in the Second Great War.

Captain Alan M. Purvis, was promoted from the rank of Captain to Major and appointed field cashier at 1st Can. Divn. H.Q. Overseas. He was formerly brigade paymaster. His wife resides at 12423 111 Ave.

#### Private to Captain

Lieut. Gilbert (Bob) Kelloway, 23, grandson of Capt. Wilfred Baker, was promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Kelloway joined the regiment for overseas as a corporal. He is now attached to Can. Army H. Q. staff.

#### Arrives Overseas

Lieut. Earl Pritchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pritchard, 8705 113 Avenue, has arrived safely overseas as a reinforcement officer in the First (Active) Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, according to word received here by his parents in August. Formerly a corporal in "B" coy., Second (Reserve) Battalion, Edmonton Regiment. A brother, Leonard is a member of the regiment's reserve battalion in Edmonton.

#### Arrive Home

A group of 26 non-commissioned officers and men who have been serving overseas with units of the Canadian Army Active, arrived back in Edmonton. All of those returning have been disabled on active service. Several of the men are members of the 1st Bn. of the Edmonton Regiment and have been serving in the British Isles since December



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of 1939. Following are the names of the men who returned: Tpr. Lowdon, R., Pte. McDonald, A. C., Pte. Messenger, J. B., Pte. Metcalfe, S. J., C.S.M. Ryan, T., Pte. Sampson, W. F., Pte. Sandilin, E. H., Pte. Stamnes, A. J., Pte. Taylor, G. W., Pte. Therrien, J. A., Pte. Waitt, M., Pte. White, J., Pte. Willis, A. M., Pte. Ajas, C. C., Gnr. Belton, W. A., Spr. Block, T., Gnr. Dockter, O., Spr. Domurat, F. J., Sgm. Edgson, C. V., Pte. Gottselig, P. P., Pte. Gunther, A. H., Cpl. Janvier, E., Sgm. Klein, V., Pte. Leduc, J. L., Gnr. Stanfield, H. F., Pte. McCulloch, W. J.

Group of eight soldiers arrived in Edmonton after serving overseas with the Canadian army. The men were invalided home. Their names are: Tpr. M. E. Beaton, Athabasca; Tpr. E. G. Hopper of the Edmonton Regiment; Pte. C. J. Langell, 11305 93 St., of the Edmonton Regiment; Cpl. William Murland, 9722 78 Ave., of the Edmonton Regiment; Spr. Gerald Nicoll, Mannville; Tpr. Samuel W. Rankin, Lac La Biche; Gnr. Thomas Robinson, Holden; and Pte. F. J. Worsfold, 9734 103 St.

### Home for Commission

One of the first Edmontonians to enlist on the outbreak of war, Sgt. Henry W. (Bob) Turner, of 11317 61st., returned from overseas this month to train for a commission. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Turner, 10255 114 St. Sgt. Turner joined the Edmonton Regiment Sept. 7, 1939, and went overseas with the 1st Canadian Division. He served for a time as batman to Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, V.C., officer commanding the 1st Division. The contingent arrived in England December 16. Sgt. Turner took part in the raid on Spitsbergen. He said he was the "dumbell" on that raid because he fed sawdust to hogs and cattle, thinking it was bran. A brother John, is serving in the navy. His wife is the former Thurza May Hobbins, daughter of the late Lieut. Col. Hobbins, our original adjutant.

### Returns for Paratroop Training

One of four men returned for Para. Training. Pte. Garnet McGannon was on leave in Edmonton this month. His mother lives at 11254 97 St. Also of Edmonton was Sgt. K. Meiklejohn, formerly of the R.C.E., His home is at 11628 96 St. and a brother serves with the Edmonton Regiment overseas.

### 1st Bn. Reach Final

Shades of G. B. (Babyface) Crockett, coach of the Tug-of War team in France in the war. Tug-of-War champions of the Canadian Forces overseas are 10 husky members of an anti-tank regiment from Western Canada. They defeated the Edmonton Regiment team two pulls to one in the final. This team lost to the 1st Bn. in last year's final.

### Weds in Blighty

From England comes announcement of the marriage of Lance Cpl. Edward Scholes of the 49th Edmonton Regiment, fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Scholes, oldtimers of Coronado, to Olive Edith Ellen, youngest daughter of Mrs. T. J. Hill of Copse road, Hammer. Rev. W. M. Isitt officiated at the ceremony, which took place July 4. Best man was Cpl. Richard Scholes, brother of the groom.

### Recital Broadcast

Lt.-Col. W. G. Stillman, who nearly three years ago, led the 1st Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, overseas. Formerly organist at Central United Church, he was heard on an overseas broadcast

last September 3rd, playing on the organ at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Charing Cross Road, London.

#### Mislaid Item

Roger L. Dunn, postmaster and farmer and veteran of the last war, has enlisted. He reported for duty in Edmonton early in 1942. His son, James, already is overseas with the Edmonton Regiment.

#### Brothers Serve

L/Cpl. C. S. Gregory of the Edmonton Regiment has two brothers in service. They are Tpr. P. B. Gregory and Cpl. J. D. Gregory of the S.A.R. C.S.M. B. R. Summers, who is at a training school overseas, enlisted in the Edmonton Regiment in 1939, has a brother in the services, Pte. H. T. Summers.

#### At Dieppe

October, 1942—

Sgt. Roy Hawkins, former Fort McMurray high school youth, mentioned in dispatches for bravery at Dieppe, had one button knocked off his shoulder strap and was forced to leave a nice, warm sweater on the barbed wire barricades of Dieppe, the gallant young soldier revealed in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hawkins of Waterways.

Another Fort McMurray boy who was nearly heartbroken because he was not selected for the Dieppe show, is Pte. Francis "Pat" O'Coffey.

Along with Hawkins, Webb and two or three others, O'Coffey boarded a freight for Edmonton, soon after war was declared in September, 1939. All of the boys were of an average age of 18 and were all star members of the Fort McMurray hockey team. They took the sidedoor pullman to Edmonton in order to be on the ground for the big show. They all enlisted in the 1st Bn. of the Edmonton Regi-

ment CA(A), and were in Britain before Christmas. Pte. O'Coffey, who is still with the Edmonton Regiment, was on the raid against Spitzbergen.

#### Congratulations

From England comes news of the engagement of Beryl, youngest daughter of Councillor A. J. Johnston of Ealing, London W., and the late Mrs. Johnston, to Pte. Hugh Wigston, Edmonton Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wigston of Edmonton. The marriage took place in London November 7. Pte. Wigston went overseas with the First Division. He attended Highlands and Eastwood schools here.

#### Mothers "Steady D"

"D" company of the Edmonton Regiment overseas made a big hit with Mrs. F. J. Rigby, of an English town, who was adopted by the boys as their "foster mother." Recently the company was moved to another location and Mrs. Rigby felt so sorry she wrote a letter to Major W. G. Bury, an officer of the unit. A copy of the letter was received in Edmonton last week by Mrs. Bury, 10933 80th Avenue.

"I feel I must write and tell you how sorry we are to lose "D" coy., 49th Edmonton Regiment. We have had them next door to my house . . . several months," she wrote.

"Not once did we have to make a single complaint. They were kindness itself. We have a real affection for them. They adopted me as their foster mother. I feel proud to have known such a grand crowd of boys. I am quite sure this goes for the whole of the town. If you could only send them back for the winter . . ." she wrote.

#### Brothers Serving

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McLennan, of Ryley are now with the forces. Pte. William Mc-

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Lennan and Pte. Donald McLennan both enlisted in 1940 with the 49th Battalion Edmonton Regiment and now on service overseas; Cpl. Lloyd McLennan, R.C.A.F., stationed in Newfoundland.

Mrs. Pearl Rich, 9360 103rd Avenue who has four of her sons in the army, has received an airgraph announcing the arrival overseas of three of them. All were members of the Edmonton Fusiliers. Three transferred to the reinforcement unit of the Edmonton Regiment to seek action overseas. Ptes. George, William and Thomas Rich; and Frank serves at the West Coast.

#### To Instruct at Wetaskiwin

Men of the Wetaskiwin training centre have settled down to a routine of training at the Prince of Wales Armoury, pending completion of their camp within the next few months. Twelve Edmonton officers are included in the personnel, consisting altogether of 18 officers and 294 other ranks. The men are occupying huts in the northern half of the barracks at the armories. Officer commanding is Lt.-Col. E. H. Strickland, former officer commanding the C.O.T.C. at the University of Alberta. His second in command is Maj. C. F. Naylor, M.C., of Calgary. Edmonton officers include: Maj. R. J. Pratley, Maj. D. H. Petrie, Maj. H. S. Davies, Maj. A. A. Gilchrist, Capt. J. R. C. Carter, Capt. J. S. Browning, M.C., Capt. J. H. White, 2nd Lieut. R. D. Powers, 2nd Lieut. F. W. Douglas, Lieut. M. B. McCall and 2nd Lieut. J. C. Jones. Maj. Petrie, Maj. Gilchrist, Capt. Carter have seen service overseas in this war. Another overseas veteran of this war is Capt. A. A. McCaullie, of Tofield. Capt. Whyte, formerly of the University of Alberta, is quartermaster.

#### Glad to be Back

Thirteen men from Edmonton and northern Alberta district, who have been serving with units overseas for a considerable time, arrived back in the city on the C.P.R. from Calgary Friday night. A majority of the men have been invalidated home because of sickness or injuries. There were several Edmonton Regiment men in the party. All were loud in their praise for the bravery of the Canadians who served in the Dieppe show but there was general disappointment that the Edmonton Regiment was not selected for participation. The returning soldiers travelled on the same boat from

Britain with several of the men wounded at Dieppe.

Included in the party were Cpl. C. J. Dalrymple. Rfm. F. McGaughey and Pte. R. G. Jackman, the latter of Green Court. Also arriving were Sgt. P. Mullins, 10008 82 Ave.; Cpl. R. Leyker, Dawson Creek; Tpr. M. J. Zolkowski, Northville; Tpr. M. Grayeyes, Montnebo, Sask.; Sgm. R. D. Robinson, Peace River; Pte. H. E. Willisroft, High Prairie; Pte. N. Severin, St. Paul; Pte. A. Hyde, 10641 67 Ave.; Pte. R. Hoggins, Lavoy and Pte. M. Nowak, Seba Beach. Pte. Willisroft is a nephew of Hon. J. C. Bowen, lieutenant-governor of Alberta.

"We'll get the enemy sooner or later. The spirit of the boys overseas is high and all are rearin' to go, especially since the Dieppe raid which was sure a big show. I only wish that I could have remained with the unit," said Pte. Willisroft.

#### Attached to 1st Bn.

Canadian troops overseas "sure are treated 'swell' by the people in the old country—especially the Scots," Cpl. Arthur Hays, son of Jack Hays, city taxi owner, said Monday on his return from England. Cpl. Hays, a member of the Edmonton Fusiliers, spent three months and four days in the old country. He was one of four members of the Fusiliers, sent overseas for special training. They were attached to the Edmonton Regiment. "All the Edmonton boys are getting along swell," Cpl. Hays stated. "They look great." He mentioned several friends he met and talked with.

#### Promoted Captain

Promotion of Lieut. Robert L. Pell, formerly of 10120 84th Avenue, to the rank of captain was announced Friday by officers of Military District 13, Calgary. Capt. Pell was appointed a second lieutenant with the Edmonton Regiment in June, 1939 and proceeded overseas with the unit in December, 1939. His wife resides at 10007 87 Ave.

November, 1942—

#### Wins Medal

Josephine Margaret Ferguson, 14, was awarded the Governor-General's bronze medal for having made the highest marks in the June examinations for grade 9 in Edson-Stony Plain district. Josephine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, was born in Cadomin. Her father enlisted in 1939 and is overseas with the Edmonton regiment.



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### Return Home

Lt. Col. K. A. Hamilton arrives back in Edmonton and was on leave before assuming duties in this district. He paid high tribute to the American soldiers, for their behaviour in Britain. The greatest admiration of the British people is given to the Russians and their leaders.

Thirteen Edmonton and district men who have been serving overseas have returned to Edmonton. Six of them were invalided home and the remainder were posted back to Canada as instructors. Invalided home were: R.Q.M.S. E. E. White, Sgt. W. J. Williams, Ptes. R. M. Coates, A. J. McDonald, A. Swanson, L. W. Weisel. Returning for instructional duties were: Sgt. J. G. Anderson, Sgt. T. Bond, Sgt. J. N. Coney, Sgt. H. M. Ferrier, Sgt. J. A. C. Crost, Sgt. F. C. McBride, Sgt. R. G. Monilaws. Some of these are no doubt 1st Bn. men.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davis, of 11231 92 Street, have received word from their son, Staff-Sgt. T. Davis, Edmonton Regiment, that he is enjoying leave "somewhere in Britain." Staff-Sgt. Davis, born in Manitoba, lived here for 22 years prior to outbreak of war. He was employed in the Alberta attorney-general's department when he enlisted with the Edmonton Regiment when it was mobilized the day war broke out, Sept. 3, 1939.

### Promoted Captains

Three lieutenants serving with the Edmonton Regiment in Britain, who have been promoted to the rank of captain, are: Lts. Richard Proctor, Gilbert T. Blair and C. J. Starling. Lt. Starling formerly lived at Medicine Hat.

### December—

#### Family Affair

The family of Mrs. J. W. Bowen, 10748 126 St., and the late Mr. Bowen, is setting an example of service to their country. Colin Bowen joined the army recently to become the fifth brother in the armed forces. His brothers, who represent all three services, are P.O. Robert D. Bowen, R.C.A.F., attached to the R.A.F. in Africa; C.S.M. Ronald O. Bowen, overseas with the Edmonton Regiment;

Sgt. Allan C. Bowen, an anti-aircraft gunner, also overseas; and Leading Stoker Duncan Bowen, with the R.C.N. Two brothers, Jack and Harry, and a sister, Eleanor, are employed at the Aircraft Repair plant. Jack is general superintendent, Eleanor and Harry are inspectors.

### City Soldier Aids Rescue

Recently acclaimed a hero is Pte. A. G. Cameron son of Mrs. A. Cameron, R.R. 5, Edmonton, who assisted in the rescue of an eight-year-old British child from the conductor rail of an electric railway near Lancing, Sussex. Pte. Cameron is a member of the Edmonton Regiment. His cousin, Mrs. J. S. Anderson, came to this city from Calgary a short time ago. According to the overseas dispatch, Pte. Cameron and L.-Cpl. J. Marshall, R.C.A.-S.C. of Hamilton, Ont. suffered severe electrical shock when they pulled the boy from the rail.

### Commends Colonel

Journal report says:

"Edmonton Regiment overseas is under the command of Lt.-Col. Gordon Kitching, formerly of the Royal Canadian Regiment, according to a number of Edmonton Regiment soldiers who have just returned from overseas.

Lt.-Col. Kitching succeeded Lt.-Col. E. Wilson, of Edmonton, who has been transferred as a staff officer of a Canadian division.

Sgt. E. Morris, 11745 92 St., one of the soldiers who returned, said Lt.-Col. Kitching is a young man "in his 30's" and "the swellest officer I ever met in my life."

### Edmonton Regiment Men are Graduated

Lieutenants' certificates were presented to graduating officers of the Canadian Army (Active), at A. 16, C.I.T.C., Currie Barracks, Calgary.

Six officers of the graduating class have served overseas during the present war. They are Lts. A. L. McCallum, of Manville, R. D. O'Donnell, of Edmonton, G. A. Garbutt, of Calgary and W. B. Longston of Calgary, who have served overseas with the 1st Bn. Edmonton Regiment. Lt. Ernest F. Anderson and Lt. W. L. Robinson, both of Vancouver,

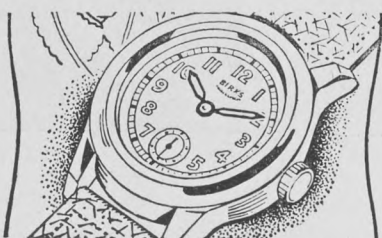
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**Return Home**

Capt. A. J. Greene of the 1st Battalion, Edmonton Regiment, overseas and Maj. J. W. Dodds, serving with an artillery unit overseas, returned to Edmonton Dec. 15th and also a group of men of whom some are possibly 1st Bn. men, as follows: Sgt. J. J. Scragg, 9648 108A Ave., Gnr. J. F. MacKay, 11948 85 St., Gnr. T. G. Morgan, New Norway, Pte. W. Lazruk, Edmonton, Sgmn. Fred Steeves, Calgary, Spr. Alvin McKinnon, Wabamun, Gnr. J. Nekoriak, Camck, Sask., Pte. W. F. Fisher, Hythe, Pte. Fred Drewth, Thorsby, Pte. J. Leimeiszka, 10524 110 St., Pte. Alex Underdown, 11136 89 Ave., Spr. J. M. Knutson, Minburn, Gnr. W. Norman, Breton, Gnr. C. J. Lamb, Bluffton, L. Cpl. B. W. Burrows, Gibbons, Sgt. C. N. Wilson, Winnipeg, Cpl. F. Poulton, Athabasca, Pte. V. E. Erickson, Metiskow, Sgt. G. J. Willis, Stavely, Sgt. G. L. Fessenden, 10308 80 St., Sgt. H. Hadden, 9624 102 Ave., Sgt. E. Morris, 11745 92 St.

**Manoeuvres****Somewhere in Britain, Dec. 14—**

Combined operations with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force are being assigned to more units of the Canadian Army and its regiments are going to sea for several days at a time to practice assault landings on the British coast.

Regiment after regiment of the Canadian Army is going through this kind of training and in camps ashore assault training is being stepped up with extensive cliff-climbing exercises and battle training.

**Praises "Weekly Letters"**

Sgt. Harry Haddow on his return to the city after 3 years service overseas, gives praise to the weekly "Letters" in the local papers, which is the right way to dish up the news for the boys over there, so says Haddow. He praises the auxiliary services for the good work they are doing for the comfort of the troops.

W. Williams of the 1st E.R. in a talk to the local Legion, claimed, "young men including married men should be conscripted for overseas, to provide the necessary reinforcements for the units over there."

A picture appeared in one of our local papers of three children sitting on Santa's knee at a Christmas party given by Women's Auxiliaries. One was the daughter of Pte. and Mrs. John Barton. Her Daddy, serving overseas with the Edmonton Regiment, has never seen her, having been overseas for three years.

**Promotions Overseas**

The following promotions have been announced overseas. Lt. R. T. Crawley, Lt. J. R. Stone of the Edmonton Regiment to the rank of Captain.

**Return for Commissions**

Five sergeants who have been Overseas with the Edmonton Regiment returned to the city on Wednesday, December 30th. They have been granted leave preparatory to taking the officers training course. They are: R. W. Hayter; R. K. Coleman; G. L. Harmon; G. C. Pade; R. G. Arthurs, son of Major R. C. Arthurs, M.C., who served with "A" coy. of "Ours".

Joseph Hall, Slave Lake, Alberta, who served with the 49th Bn., has joined the Merchant Marine. On account of a gunshot wound received during the last war, comrade Hall couldn't get into the army this time, so he took up wireless telegraphy and is now wireless operator on a tanker. This was clipped from the "Legionary" by N. H. Jones, Hon. Treas.



## THOSE ATTENDING ANNUAL MEETING SHOW KEEN INTEREST IN ASSOCIATION AFFAIRS

**Finances are Still in Good Shape—Six Deaths Among Local 49ers Since Last Meeting—Some Think Route Taken on Church Parade Too Long—Election of Officers and the New Executive**

Routine business to do with the affairs of the Forty-Ninth Battalion Association was dealt with at the annual meeting on October 28th in the Memorial Hall. There was not as large a turnout as usual. Those who did attend showed a keen interest when the affairs of the Association were described and reported on by the various working committees. Owing to the unavoidable absence from the city of both the President, Major General Griesbach and the Vice-President, Major Kinnaird, Norman Cook presided.

Reading of the Minutes of the last general meeting was dispensed with as they were published in the January issue of the Forty-Niner. The meeting considered them satisfactory.

### Finances in Good Condition

The Financial Statement, submitted by Treasurer Neville Jones, showed a fine surplus of funds in hand which will be put to the same good uses as in the past. On motion by A. L. Smith and J. W. H. Williams, the report was unanimously accepted with a generous vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his continued faithful services.

For services he again rendered, Auditor G. D. K. Kinnaird was thanked by unanimous vote on motion of J. W. H. Williams and the Secretary requested to write Mr. Kinnaird accordingly.

### Price of Dinner Tickets the Same

The pros and cons of raising the price of tickets for the annual dinner were submitted in a brief discussion before being disposed of on motion of Jack Blewett and Alec Stewart that the dinner be again held at the Macdonald Hotel and the price remain the same at \$1.50. There was some discussion as to buffalo meat being the main "piece de resistance" on the menu. On motion of Jim Chorley and Byron Morrison the executive was authorized to decide the matter.

### Report From Magazine Editor

Norman Arnold, Editor of the Forty-Niner, submitted his report and gave credit to the Committee members who had given valuable help. John Michaels came in for special mention for the very fine work he has done on magazine advertising since becoming an honorary member of the Association. Tommy Robb and Charlie Wampler sponsored a motion to extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Magazine committee.

### Six Deaths in Past Year

J. W. H. Williams gave his report on deaths and funerals of local members, six having succumbed since the last general meeting. Wreaths and pallbearers from the Association were provided as required in all cases of members whose deaths are reported to the Secretary. All those who have acted as pallbearers were named and thanked by Mr. Williams whose services in this work have been faithfully performed for many years.

### Canadian Legion Thanked

Secretary Earle Hay was instructed to write the Secretary-Manager of the Canadian Legion, to

express the appreciation of the Association for the use of the Memorial Hall in which to hold the Annual meeting.

### Route Taken on Church Parade

It was suggested by several members that the route of march for the annual Church parade was too long and that an effort should be made to shorten it. Some discussion took place on this subject, it finally being agreed on a motion by Jack Blewett and J. W. H. Williams that the matter be left in the hands of the incoming executive for whatever action seemed necessary or advisable before the next Parade takes place.

### Election of Officers

The following officers and members of the executive for the year 1943-44 were elected:

President, Major General, the Honourable W. A. Griesbach; Vice President, Lieut. Col. A. H. Elliott; Secretary, Earle Hay; Corresponding Secretary and Editor of the Magazine, Norman Arnold; Treasurer, Neville H. Jones; Assistant Editor of the Magazine, Norman E. Cook; Executive, Lieut. Col. R. W. Hale, M.C., John Michaels, J. W. Williams, A. L. Smith, Thos. Robb, A. E. W. Roberts, L. G. Brown, Harry Stonehewer, Chas Wampler, Jim Wigham, Fred Pinnell.

Lt. Col. A. H. Elliott was requested to represent the Association on the platform at the Memorial Hall during the Memorial Service on November 11th, 1942, and the Secretary was authorized to arrange for the purchase of the usual wreath for the Cenotaph. On motion of Byron Morrison and Jack Blewett the meeting adjourned.

The following members were in attendance and it is hoped that at the next report of our annual meeting it will be possible to record the names of not only these but many more as well:

Robb, T., 11305 97 St.; Elliott, A. H., 12728 112 Ave.; Roberts, A. E. W., 9422 94 St.; Smith, A. L., 9812A 84 Ave.; Pinnell, F. T. 10845 86 Ave.; Law, R., 7722 99 St.; Crabb, Geo, 9715 105 St.; Williams, J. W. H., 11149 64 St.; Hitchcock, Beverly; Ragan, Paul, 9755 86 Ave.; Waithe, J. A., 9548 102A Ave.; Freeman, H. C., 11942 81 St.; Hancock, S. C., 10418 95 St.; Collins, D., P.O. Bldg.; Hill, Chas. 10744 125 St.; Larmour, H., 10178 106 St.; Wampler, Chas., 10525 83 Ave.; Hale, R. W., 10615 83 Ave.; Stewart, Alex D., 11216 67 St.; Blewett, J. J., 10948 125 St.; Campbell, Neil, 10615 Jasper Ave.; Keen, A., 11427 73 St.; Knowles, H., 10845 74 Ave.; Wigham, J. W., 11124 65 St.; Stonehewer, H., 10022 102 St.; Chorley, J., 16 Arlington Apts.; Brown, L. G., Arlington Apts.; Jones, N. H., 11252 125 St.; Cook, N. E., 10127 124 St.; Hay, E. O., 11138 65 St.; Arnold, N., 11908 92 St.; Russell, C. A., 8215 105 St.; Fotos, Kostis; Bancroft, R.

### BECOMES A HABIT

J. K. Brennen, Stettler, was elected president, for the fifth consecutive term, of the Alberta Funeral Director's and Embalmer's Association, at their convention in Calgary last August.

## POLISH VICTORS INSPECT SWASTIKA ON 178th VICTIM'S PLANE



### POLISH MISSION SUBMITS STORY

In December we were in receipt of an article, from Captain J. Ciepielowski of the Polish Mission in Canada, relating the exploits of the 303 Kosciuszko Squadron whose aerial battles have brought fame and honour to its members and the Polish nation.

Its history commenced in Poland's fight for liberty at the close of the last war when they went to Polonne. The first action taking place at Cudnow, and from then onwards to the close of these operations were in almost continual action.

In the Polish fight in this war they were part of the Polish 3rd wing, and met the Nazis in the month of September, 1939. During the defence of Warsaw the pilots made 270 operational flights, involving 200 dogfights and shooting down 18 enemy aircraft.

Later they assisted in the defence of France and on her collapse were gathered together in England, July, 1940.

This squadron had in its earlier days many American volunteers, who set a splendid example to the men who later on carried the colours. In September, 1940, 100 planes were shot down, on the 7th, 11th and 15th, 16 planes were shot down on each of these days.

During 1941 and the first five months of 1942, they made over 1700 operational flights and shot down 80 enemy planes, certain and probables. They were also engaged on aerial strafing operations, and the first ship sunk by fighter aircraft was claimed by Pilot Drobinski.

They are daily bringing nearer the time when the White Eagle will again fly over Poland. "That

day", wrote one of the pilots, "Many of us may never see, but we may be sure that our blood will secure for our beloved country a better future, because only through sacrifice will a nation rise to its greatest strength."

Editor's Note:—We regret we are unable to publish the full text of the Polish Squadron's story, but have made room for this condensed article as a tribute to these fine aerial soldiers and comrades.

### HONOUR ROLL

With pride we report additions to the ever growing list of 49er's sons now serving in this struggle for liberty.

BOB PARRY, of Coleman (435760) tells us that his son, Glynn, A.C.1., R.C.A.F. is now stationed on the East Coast.

MRS. CATHERINE DOBSON, of 2656½ Yonge Street, Toronto, writes to thank us for the magazine and informs us that her son, Ron, is now overseas with the First Armored Car Regiment, 5th Canadian Division. 49ers will remember the late ROY DOBSON of the old Battalion, who was President of the Eastern Branch of the Association from 1935 to 1939. Another "chip off the old block".

### DAUGHTER HONOURED

Miss Kathleen Tanner, former pupil of Garneau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tanner, 11144 88th Avenue, was last October awarded the Gyro scholarship for the highest marks of all Grade IX pupils in the City. Mr. Tanner is president of the Edmonton branch Canadian Legion, and served with the 49th in the last war.

## FORMER COMMANDING OFFICER SENDS NEWS ITEMS OF BATTALION OVERSEAS

England, September 10th, 1942.

The following letter was received by the Cor. Secty. in September from Lt. Col. Wilson.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I received the Forty Niner of July 1942 from the Adjutant, Edmonton Regiment the other day. As you know I left the Regiment on June 29th and shortly after Major George Kitching, R.C.R., at that time G.S.O.2 H.Q. Cdn. Corps was promoted Lieut. Colonel and posted to command.

I wrote to General Griesbach shortly after that and no doubt you have heard from him.

Although I am still with the 1st Division, I don't see as much of the Regiment as I would like to. I am hoping to get down to see them tomorrow as Brigadier-General J. B. Wells, a former C. O. of the Loyal North Lancashire Battalion is paying them a visit, for the first time since the colour presentation by His Majesty on July 1, 1941.

When I am down I am going to suggest to Col. Kitching that either he or one of the senior officers write to you regularly for now I don't see the Regiment frequently enough to give you much detail. (This has been attended to, see 1st Bn Story.—Editor.)

George Beaman is now happily installed on the Postal staff of Corps H.Q., although he has not actually appeared in orders as being transferred from the Regiment. Major A. S. Donald is now O.C. at training wing and is away from the Regt. Capt. H. D. P. Tighe is commanding the Regiment's reinforcements and a number of the junior officers have left the Regiment for junior staff appointments among them Lieut. G. W. Kellaway, Lieut. T. Pierce Goulding, Lieut. J. F. O'Neill and Capt. P. S. Cooper. If these officers and others selected for staff appointments are satisfactory they may be away from regimental duty for a very considerable length of time.

I don't need to tell you or General Griesbach what a wrench it is to leave the battalion, but no one has anything to say in those matters these days. From what I have seen of the Regiment since I left and knowing his ability, I am quite confident that Lt. Col. Kitching is a C.O. who will not let the 49th down and that he appreciates fully the very real association between the Regiment and the Association.

The first time that I am in London I will endeavor to have Lieut. Gibbs (son of ex-Alderman Gibbs) who is an officer of the Edmonton Regiment engaged on staff duties at C.M.H.Q., send a picture

of Lt. Col. Kitching so that 49ers may know him pictorially at least.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Ernest Wilson (E. B. Wilson)

Lt.-col. A.A. & Q.M.G. 1 Cdn Div..

EDITOR:—We hope this picture will be sent to us for publication.

## LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE EDMONTON REGIMENT

### Credit Due the Hardworking Members Now Helping the Merchant Marine

This has been a very busy year in which the Ladies Auxiliary have made a net profit of \$2,954. from Teas, Home Cooking, Sales, Band Concert, Raffle, Rummage Sale, Tag Days and a Gymkhana and Barbecue, and for the December event a Sale of Dolls.

One event is held each month.

Money is used for cigarettes, sent each month; parcels, twice a year to the men of the regiment overseas.

As we are now so limited in what we can send overseas it was decided at the December meeting to devote part of our energies to work for the Merchant Marine. We have undertaken to fill ten Ditty bags each month.

The following is the list of the Executive for the Years 1942-43:

Honorary President, Mrs. W. A. Griesbach. Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. W. G. Stillman, President, Mrs. A. D. Petrie, Vice-President, Mrs. A. E. Newton, Secretary, Mrs. C. G. Mundy, Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Turner. Executive Members: Mrs. J. Michaels, Mrs. A. M. Purvis, Mrs. R. F. Jackson, Mrs. B. Millar, Mrs. R. W. Hale, Mrs. G. L. MacLachlan.

(Mrs.) I. Mundy, Secy. Ladies Aux.

Edmonton Regiment.

Editor's Note:—The men of the 1st Edmonton Regiment should feel mighty proud of the work their womenfolk and their friends are doing to keep them supplied with comforts. In fact it should make them feel doubly proud when the fact is noted they have extended their good work to care for some of the needs of that fine body of men the Merchant Marine. It is largely due to the good work of these men that the "Goods are Delivered".

## DUES PAYABLE

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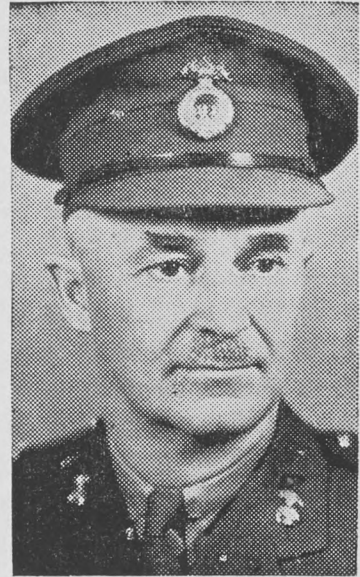
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**HUGH E. PEARSON, PROMINENT BUSINESS-MAN, APPOINTED O. C. 2nd BN. FUSILIERS**

Served with 10th in War 1914-18—Recruits  
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Lieut. Col. Hugh E. Pearson, M.C.

Well known in business circles and to many organizations connected with community and war-time enterprises and activities, Lieut. Col. Hugh E. Pearson, M. C. has been appointed officer commanding 2nd (R) Battalion, Edmonton Fusiliers. He succeeds Lieut. Col. H. B. Jamieson as O.C. of this reserve unit. Many an old 49er among the ranks of both the North and South side V.V.R. units will recall that Lieut. Col. Pearson was until recently in command of the North Side Battalion V.V.R. The appointment was well received by all returned men who know him, especially because he has always proved an officer who understands both his duties and those under his charge. He holds the Military Cross which he won for bravery in action with the 10th Battalion in the last war.

#### Reserve Units Need Recruits

Both the 2nd Fusiliers and the 2nd Bn. Edmonton Regiment need recruits for the reserve army. It is pointed out that if we are to defend our homes we must be trained. This is an opportunity for those who cannot "go active". Modern equipment, weapons and vehicles are available to these units. The modern infantry units are not the "footsloggers" of previous days. Today they are motorized, hard-hitting, scientific and streamlined for action. Lieut. Col. Pearson and the 2nd Battalion of the Edmonton Regiment under Lieut. Col. R. W. Hale, M.C. invite recruits for important service in their respective reserve battalions.

#### C.S.M. GEORDIE HOLLAND'S BOY IN R.C.A.F.

"Geordie" Hollands, one of the old B coy. stalwarts has a boy serving in the R.C.A.F., and is stationed in New Brunswick. Having the same given name as his Dad, we feel he will be able to live up to that name in his service.

## HAS BEEN NAMED A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Regimental Sgt. Major Alan Conrad Sachse, has been named a member of the Order of the British Empire. He has served with the Edmonton



R.S.M. Alan Sachse, O.B.E.

Regiment overseas since the start of the present war. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Sachse, resides in Suite 3 Casa Grande Apts., 9707 106 St. She is a prominent worker in women's war service organizations.

R.S.M. Sachse served in the First Great War with the 29th Bn. of Vancouver.

After the last war he came to Edmonton and was employed for many years on the advertising staff of the Edmonton Journal.

Always keenly interested in sports, he refereed many football games here and played on several British rugby teams.

He was also noted as a physical instructor, having trained many Edmonton sports clubs.

When the present war started he was in Vancouver but lost no time coming to Edmonton to join the 1st Bn. of the Edmonton Regiment, then being organized under the command of Lt. Col. Stillman. He has served with the regiment overseas in the capacity of regimental sergeant-major ever since.

## APPRECIATES MAGAZINE—SONS SERVE

To the Editor of The Forty-Niner.

Dear Sir:

I am indebted to your kindness in sending me copies of the Forty-Niner and would like to know what I am owing in dues up to date. As I have been moving about for some time, this has been overlooked. My husband was the Chaplain of the 49th in the last war. Our two sons are again serving in this one. Lt. C. L. Stephenson is stationed at N. Battleford and Major D. C. Stephenson is with the 1st Canadian Scottish in England.

Thanks for sending the Forty-Niner,

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## JUMPS TO SAFETY FROM BURNING HOTEL

Lieut. Col. P. L. Debney, M.M., is convalescing in the University Hospital, following an accident which might have proved much more serious. He jumped from a second story window of a hotel where he was staying in a west coast town. The hotel was on fire and burned to the ground in less than fifteen minutes. Col. Debney suffered a nasty compound fracture of the ankle. Best wishes to him for a speedy and full recovery.

As will be recalled, Col. Debney returned about a year ago from service overseas with the R.C.E. He was Commanding Officer of the 1st Edmonton Regiment in prewar days and immediately preceded Lieut. Col. W. G. Stillman.

## NORMAN REID, NAVIGATOR

Sgt. Navigator Norman Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reid, 11239 101st Street, was given a great sendoff last November by the 2nd Bn. Edmonton bugle band, when he left for overseas. We wish him the best of luck. Mr. Reid served overseas with the 49th in the last war.

## TAKES UP WIRELESS

Miss Peggy Browse, daughter of Major M. F. H. and Mrs. Browse of this city, last October enlisted in the Women's division of the R.C.A.F., as a wireless operator (ground). She had previously served on the staff of No. 3 recruiting centre, Edmonton.

## GOOD WORK RECOGNIZED

A. M. MacDonald, past president of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, was last October elected by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting at the Seignior Club, Que., to the post of vice-president. Alec served with Steady D in the last Great game of "Put and Take".

## ESCAPE FOILED

In a photo appearing in the Journal, Thursday, December 31st, was shown the material found in a dugout made by some German prisoners, and collected in readiness for an attempted escape. One of the Veteran Guards in the picture was Cpl. Wally Gladstone, M.M., Calgary, who served in 14 platoon, "D" coy., as a stretcherbearer, and later on as sergeant.

## OLD 49er GAINS PROMOTION

Wednesday, October 7th the promotion of C.S.M. J. F. McLeod of the Red Deer Training Centre staff, formerly of Edmonton, was announced by the officials of M.D. 13. He was promoted to regimental sergeant Major, (W.O.1) at the centre. McLeod served with the 49th Bn. C.E.F.

## C.Q.M.S. G. P. IRVING'S SON SERVES

P.O. Reg. P. Irving was home on leave last September following completion of his course. He enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war and served two years on the ground staff as sergeant before training for air crew. He has been posted to a station in Eastern Canada.

## EDMONTON REGIMENT FILM SHOWN CORPS

At their meeting in October the Canadian Corps was shown a technicolor film of the Edmonton Regiment in training. At intervals throughout the evening the members were entertained by the 2nd Bn. Edmonton Regiment brass band.



## CYRIL POTTS

An Appreciation by Albert Fowlie

It was in the early days of June 1915 when "falling in" on the left flank of "D" coy. on Victoria Ave., that we first became aware of that great figure. He was silent, even grim looking in his earnestness, dressed in cap, jacket, breeches and moccassins, and while "forming squad" on the old drill ground below the Legislative Buildings we became familiar with that short staccato tread and the clean snap in marching time which showed the strength and clean health of the man we came to know as Cy. Potts.

From the habit of "falling in" on the left



Cyril Potts

flank of the coy. he naturally became a member of 16 platoon, and although he was one of the first members of the machine gun section, he remained quartered with us in the dog house when in barracks at the Exhibition grounds. Here we met him on tug-of-war practice and during off hours. As his natural shyness wore off we got to know this kindly, fun-loving giant of a man, and to love him as a very brother. To see him teasing Billy Manley, the youngest of our crew and to observe his enjoyment of all innocent fun was to realize the simplicity of his nature, which is the first attribute of all great men and perhaps the foundation of the unbeatable guts he showed on tug-of-

war matches and the grim, determined fighter we knew in France.

Remember the day the 51st Bn. sent a team over to meet our men in a tug-of-war match, with Big Duncan, Joe Whyte and other powerful chaps in their team. Never will we forget it. We won the first pull rather easily, but the second was a veritable death struggle. The 51st men, perhaps surprised at the first result, were determined. We had no weakling on our side, and while the centre flag wavered, first one way, then another, we on the side lines became frantic and almost jumped to the rope ourselves. Never was there such a pull and, when the signal finally went for our side, they all collapsed over the rope, and arms and hands had to be massaged to straighten out the tortured muscles. We ought to remember that team, Petersen, Jackson, Souter, Rait, Plowman, Herbert, Potts. Whom have we missed?

During training at Shorncliffe we had many a chat. His utter honesty and sense of justice is well illustrated in the following incident he told us of at that time.

He and some others had been up to Ramsgate or Margate for a day and while dining in a restaurant he noticed that all the men were in uniform except one table of six or seven. The waitress was quite chatty, and Potts, in one of those lapses of which we are all capable at times, asked her "Who in h--- those fellows were". The waitress replied coldly that they were a minesweeper's crew. He wished that the floor would have opened and swallowed him. His relating of this incident showed the essential humility of the man.

Sometime in June 1916 he went to the 7th Brigade machine gun company on its formation and despite the continual irritations of our friend, Capt. Cock, he determined to stick it out, when other men returned to the Bn. and so it was only occasionally that we would meet him, in the line, or in passing.

The 2nd June 1916 rolled around and while the 49th left the line for brigade reserve at Ouderum on May 31st, we happened to be in the line with the "Pats" and so gathered then and later, what happened to our friend.

The show started about 8:40 a.m. The machine gun company had guns placed across the brigade front with Sgt. Potts placed at Yeomanry Post as a central point. When it became apparent after an hour or so of that terrific bombardment that the enemy meant business and knowing his job as only such men do, regardless of the almost certainty of being hit, he determined to visit all his guns. In carrying this out he fell. No man could have survived a tour of the left salient that day.

His instinct for the weak spot led him to Hooge and just beyond the Culvert, in what was left of an alleged trench, he was last seen. L.-Cpl. Jerry Lynch of the R.C.R., coming out of a forward post there saw him. He had been killed instantly. And so passed one of our great men. Our regrets over his loss, then and now is as nothing to our pride in having known such a man.

The lesson for those of us who remain and who have come after, is quite clear. Are we all bending our efforts wholly and in single purpose to the task ahead of us? Are we doing the job as Potts did it?

We are very much indebted to the editors of the Forty-Niner for this opportunity to pay some slight tribute to our friend Cy. Potts. Many there are, worthy of note by other hands than ours, but may we be forgiven for singling out Potts.

TO ALL 49ers . . . . .

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**Pte. A. B. Ward**

In the Journal appeared a photo of Little Chief Winterburn decked out in tribal regalia. In his ordinary capacity he is Pte. A. B. Ward of the 1st Bn. E.R.

Finding the people of the Old Country are intensely interested in Indian customs and Tribal dances he is now giving talks to different groups of the customs of the North American Indians.

Little Chief is also improving a more modern technique for dealing with the Nazis, as efficiently as his forebears dealt with their tribal enemies.

The boys of the 1st Bn. along with thousands of their comrades overseas, were busily engaged in giving the children a good time at the Christmas period. The last of a round of such parties was held at Edmonton, England and given by the Edmonton, Canada soldiers. We have no doubt they would have a whooping good time, and we question whether the kiddies or the troops would enjoy themselves the most?

**KILLED AT DIEPPE**

Half-brother of Maj. Charles Lilley, Edmonton Supply and Transport officer for No. 13A District Depot, C.A.(A), Capt. Reginald Basley was killed in the British commando raid on Dieppe. Word of his death was received by Maj. Lilley on Friday, August 21st.

Capt. Basley, who was a member of the Hamilton Light Infantry, went overseas early in 1940. Lilley served in C coy. of "Ours" and has a son serving in our affiliate unit the "Loyals" and saw service at Singapore. (Now with 1st Bn. E. R.)

## RECEIVES APPOINTMENT



W. C. Trimble

Appointment of W. C. Trimble as farm equipment rationing officer in Edmonton was announced Wednesday, Dec. 2nd by the Wartime Prices and Trade board. For the past 14 years associated with Allis-Chalmers-Rumley Lt., Mr. Trimble has resided in Edmonton since 1908. During the last three years Mr. Trimble has worked as secretary of the Edmonton branch of the Alberta Implement Association. He is provincial adjutant for the Legion of Frontiersmen, and served in the First Great War with the 49th Battalion, having enlisted with the 202 Sportsman's Battalion.

## SERVES IN NAVY

Telegraphist Nelson P. Oldroyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy M. Oldroyd, 10530 116th Street, Edmonton, formerly a member of the 1st Battalion, Edmonton Regiment (Militia) and the R.C.N.V.R. went to England in 1937 worked as a electrical engineer in Leicester, was called up a month before start of war and posted to the Royal Navy as a Telegraphist to a destroyer. Was present at Dunkerque making trips from England carrying troops. Was present at the taking of Madagascar. Later was in Durban, South Africa. Last heard from was in New York on his way back to England. Was a student at Victoria High School and Technical School. Has a wife and small daughter in England.

432401, Percy M. Oldroyd, Headquarters, formerly R.C.O.C. stationed at the Prince of Wales Armouries as Caretaker for the 1st Bn. E. R. has retired on Pension and is now a member of Canadian Corps of Commissionaires. He is on the staff of the North West Air lines stationed at Government House, Edmonton.

## MAJOR BEATON'S DAUGHTER ENLISTS

Miss Betty Beaton, daughter of Major and Mrs. G. M. Beaton, 10503 122 street, enlisted last August in the Women's Division of the Air Force. Miss Beaton had been employed at the Edmonton recruiting centre as a civilian stenographer.

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## Last Post



In ever living memory of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 49th Battalion (Edmonton Regiment) who were killed in action, or died of wounds received in Belgium and France during 1914 to 1918, and to those who have since passed on mainly due to the ravages of war service; also to our "sons" who have passed on in this later renewal of our Battle.

"These men were victorious in death".

### MAJOR FRANK S. WINSER, M.C.

Major Frank S. Winsor, M.C., passed away suddenly, Sunday August 23rd, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan. It was a shock to his friends to learn of his sudden passing for he had apparently been in good health. A week before his passing he had written the corresponding secretary acknowledging receipt of the Forty-Niner, and saying how well he liked his new work with the British Air Commission. He was to have travelled through the Western States and Western Canada in his work for the Materials branch.

The funeral took place in Detroit on Wednesday, August 26th and was attended by Mr. S. H. Morrow, B.A.C. and the whole of the office staff. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and a padre of the last Great war conducted the funeral services. The association wreath was placed on the grave.

He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his wife, two sons, one Frank Cotton, (Sub-Lieut., R.C.N.-V.R.) on the Pacific and to be transferred to the Royal Navy in England; and Cedric, a student at McGill University.

Major Winsor was one of the most popular members of the battalion, serving with "D" coy. and later in command of that company. He had resided for the most part at Idaho Springs, Colo. All of his comrades mourn the passing of another link with the old days, and feel deeply the thinning of our ranks in these days of stress.

Our association is deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Morrow, and all his new friends for the practical sympathy shown towards the absent relatives and friends in the splendid way they attended to the last rites for our friend.

### WILLIAM BOWDEN

On September 6th, aged 58 years, William Bowden of 9816 101A Ave., passed away at his residence. He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his loving wife, one daughter, Mrs. J. Wilson of Calgary, two granddaughters, Shirley and Diane, one sister, Lois, two brothers, Joseph and James in England. Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 10th, 1942, at 2:00 o'clock at Foster & McGarvey's chapel. Canon A. M. Trendall officiated and interment was made in the Soldiers' plot in the Edmonton cemetery. Pallbearers were provided by the association and the Canadian Corps.

The following attended the funeral: J. W. H. Williams, L. G. Brown, Vic Dingley, G. B. Crockett, H. M. Bergmann, N. E. Cook and N. Arnold. Mr. Bowden was a member of the Canadian Corps and served overseas with "A" coy. of the 49th Battalion.

### W. BRECKENRIDGE

The July issue of the magazine sent to Breckenridge, Vermilion Alta., was returned marked, "deceased". We have no further information regarding when or where he passed away.

### PETER ALLISON

Resident of Edmonton for 27 years before going to Victoria in 1938, Peter Allison died there on Friday, December 4th, 1942. He served with "B" coy. of the 49th Battalion in the First Great War and was a veteran of the South African campaign. Surviving are Mrs. Allison, in Victoria, and his son Allan in the R.A.F. Peter worked for the school board in Edmonton and retired early in 1938.

### JACK CARMICHAEL, M.M.

Jack died suddenly on the 14th day of January, 1942, at Wenham Valley, Alberta. He was buried at Knob Hill, Alberta. He lived in a very isolated section of country West of Wetaskiwin. He was known as "Wild Jack" in the Battalion and served along with "Husky" Ledingham in "A" coy. He leaves a widow at Wenham Valley.

### ALBERT RIOUX

The funeral of the late Albert Rioux of Blairmore, who was found lying dead alongside the furnace in the basement of the Blairmore block on November 24th, was held from the Crow's Nest Pass Funeral Home at three o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Rioux was quite well known throughout the Pass. He enlisted with the 192nd Battalion at Pincher Creek in the last war and later was drafted to the 49th Battalion, with which outfit he saw service in France. He was badly gassed and was invalided home and since 1919 resided in Blairmore. The funeral was held under the auspices of the Blairmore branch of the B.E.S.L. Rev. E. B. Arrol, B.A., officiated at the funeral services at the funeral parlors and at the graveside. D. H. McRae, vice-president of the B.E.S.L., read the Legion's burial services, while Trumpeter Ben Hobson of "C" coy, J. Wigham's brother-in-law, sounded the "Last Post". Pall bearers were all members of either the 192nd or the 49th, and included Bob Parry, "A" coy., Coleman; Jack Gladstone "D" coy, Pincher

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### SGT. FRANK H. JONES

Sgt. Frank H. Jones, of Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps, whose death was listed in August 13th casualty list from overseas, enlisted here with the Edmonton Regiment. His wife lives in Winnipeg. Sgt. Jones worked for an insurance firm in Edmonton for several years.

### MILITARY FUNERAL FOR SON OF V.C.

Military Funeral with full air force honors was held in Vancouver, Monday, July 27th, for Sgt. Pilot Leslie Walter Kerr, formerly of Edmonton, who was killed July 16 when his plane crashed into the sea off Nova Scotia.

Sgt. Kerr, son of Cpl. John (Chip) Kerr, V.C., and Mrs. Kerr, formerly of Spirit River, was born in Edmonton in 1919. His father won the Victoria Cross while serving with the 49th Battalion, C.E.F. (Edmonton Regiment), in the First Great War, and in this war is serving with the air force and stationed on the west coast. An uncle, Roland, was killed the winter of 1917 when serving with the 49th. Flt. Lt. W. C. Daniel presided at the funeral service and burial was made in the Field of Honor plot, Mountain View cemetery. A wreath was sent from the 49th Bn. Association, Vancouver Branch.

Besides his parents, the airman leaves three brothers, Roland, 24, with the R.C.A.F. in England; Jack, 18, with the R.C.A.F. in Egypt; Rodney, 13, at home; one sister, Shirley, 21, at home.

### MRS. REBECCA ARNOLD

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Rebecca Arnold, aged 83, beloved wife of Bagot Arnold, of 11824 91st Street, who passed away at her residence on January 2nd were held on Monday Jan. 4th at 3:30 o'clock from Foster and McGarvey's funeral chapel. Rev. M. L. Watts officiated, assisted by Captain, Rev. C. F. A. Clough, interment took place in the family plot at Beechmount cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. T. Crockett, Ray Slattery, Louis Day, R. Small, C. Mitchell, A. Jackson. Beautiful floral tributes were received from the family and numerous friends. The late Mrs. Rebecca Arnold, who was born at Broseley, Shropshire, leaves to mourn her loss her husband, one daughter, Mrs. G. B. Crockett, Edmonton; and six sons, Harry Vancouver; Norman, Edmonton; Edgar, Vancouver; all of whom served overseas in "D" coy., 49th Bn. and Jack, Vancouver; Frank, Edmonton; served in the 51st and later in France with the 1st and 46th Bns. respectively. Clifford, Edmonton; one son Charles predeceased her in 1913, who had served in the 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards, one brother, James, of Philadelphia, U.S.A.; 15 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Mr. Arnold served in the 51st Bn and his son-in-law G. B. Crockett, 49th Bn. Mrs. Arnold has "mothered" several more young men who had called her residence "Home", and later enlisted for the 1st Great War. Ted Barrett, 4th Bn; George Clark, M.M., whose brother Leo, won the V.C., when with a Winnipeg Bn.; Claud Heathcock, Vic Dingley, George Prescott, 14 platoon, killed at Regina Trench 1916, 49th Bn; Arthur Jackson, 63rd and 10th Bn.

### "C" COMPANY SERGEANT PASSES ON

Funeral services for Andrew G. S. (Andy) McMillan of 10510 77th Ave., Edmonton, who died on November 5th at the age of 59, were held on November 10th, Rev. D. C. Ramsey officiating. Interment took place in the Soldiers' Plot, Edmonton cemetery. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Alf McKay, J. M. Taylor, Don Yuill, Harry Jolleff (49th), John Donnan, and Harman McMahon. The association's wreath was placed on the grave, and the Forty-Niners present at the service were: C. Dawson, W. H. Quinton, D. Gilchrist, J. L. Warren, W. A. Paterson and N. Arnold. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. F. M. deBeers, Jr., of Sewickley, Penn., one grandson, Franklin; also three brothers: Bob of Edmonton, James G. of Chicago, and Alick of Sussex, Eng.

Andy, as he was known to all, enlisted Jan 8th, 1915 and was discharged August 8th, 1919. His Regt. No. was 432539. He was a member of "C" company, and was noted as one of the stalwarts, not only of his own company, but also of the battalion. Many good stories could be told of Andy's pranks in the field of play and of action; and the lively spirit he always displayed remained with him through the long illness that carried him off. An obituary by the Sports Editor of the Edmonton Bulletin told of Andy's prowess as a footballer in earlier days of Edmonton and referred to his popularity as a sportsman who endeared himself to numerous friends.

### A GOOD SPORTSMAN



Andy McMillan

This photo depicts Andy after a successful shoot and with one of his dogs which he had trained. He took great pains in the training of his dogs and was very proud of their work.

### ROBERT PATTERSON

Funeral services for Robert Patterson of 11821 102 St., who passed away on Monday, November 2nd were held on Thursday afternoon, November 5th, at 2:00 o'clock at the Lavoy Baptist church. Rev. D. Campbell officiated and interment took place in the Lavoy cemetery.

He is survived by three sons: Captain R. V. Patterson of Calgary who served with "C" coy. and the Bombers, Stanley and Wilfred, both of Edmonton; one brother, Johnstone of Vegreville; also two grandsons, Jack and Stanley of Edmonton.

### MARGARET HERON

On October 29, aged 62 years, Margaret Heron, of 101 Hart Block, passed away in a local hospital. She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, Mrs. C. Heron, two sisters and five brothers, Mrs. E. Freeman of Edmonton, Mrs. S. J. Carlyle of Vancouver, B. C., John of Victoria, James of Texas and Donald, David and Frank of Edmonton some of whom served in "B" coy. of the 49th Bn. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, October 31, at 4:30 o'clock at Foster & McGarvey chapel. Rev. J. McBeath Miller officiated and interment was made in the Edmonton cemetery.

### MRS. J. DOYLE

Wife of Pte. Joseph Doyle, overseas with the Edmonton Regiment, Mrs. Doyle died Monday afternoon, August 3rd, in a city hospital.

She is survived by her husband, one child, her father and one brother. Military authorities in Edmonton have sent notification of her death to her husband, who has been in England since 1939.

W. "Paddy" Griffin, of the welfare department of the Canadian Legion was in charge of funeral arrangements.

### MAJOR FRANK SCOTT WINSER, M.C. AN APPRECIATION

I know I shall be expressing the feelings of many of my comrades when I say with what real sorrow we learned of the sudden death of Major F. S. Winsor on August 23, 1942.

It was only on August 20th that the Writer received one of his (Winsor's) interesting letters telling of his appointment with the British Air Commission in Detroit and how pleased he was to be at last—after many futile attempts—definitely doing something to assist in the War Effort. The cause of death was due to a severe heart attack and the remains were interred in the Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak, Michigan. Members of the British Air Commission attended the funeral and a Union Jack was provided by the local branch of the Canadian Legion, to drape the coffin.

Those who had the privilege of serving under him in "D" coy. had a very high regard for him, both as an officer and also as a man. His interest in the old Battalion never waned; proud of its traditions and jealous for its reputation, he was ever ready to give sympathy and help to any Forty-Niners who came to him in trouble or need and it was always a real delight to him to receive, from time to time, news from Edmonton regarding the Forty-Ninth Association. To that long list of gallant gentlemen of the Old Brigade who have since passed on must now be added the name of Frank Scott Winsor, and in the hearts of Old-timers every-

where his memory will long be cherished. Those to whom his death brings the greatest sense of personal loss will find some comfort in the knowledge that his end was swift like a soldier's on the battlefield, and its cause no doubt, originated there. We mourn his loss but the savour of his good name, and the remembrance of his genial disposition will ever remain with those who were privileged to enjoy his friendship.

—A.G.R., Wetaskiwin.

### BATTLE FLAGS RESTORED

The battle flags hanging in the rotunda of the legislative bldgs. were repaired recently on the authority of G. H. N. Monkman, deputy minister of public works. Percy Plowman, brother of the late Bill Plowman, of C coy. was in charge of this work. Col. P. E. Bowen, former officer commanding the 202nd Bn. looked after the flags for that unit. The flags of the 51st, 66th, 194th and the 218th were repaired at the expense of the province.

### DUMBELLS "COLOURED MAN" DIES

Original member of the "Dumbells", in which he took "nigger" turns, Ben R. E. Allen, 62, died in a Winnipeg hospital, Monday, June 22nd. He held office in Veteran's organizations, and was past president of the Winnipeg District Command of the Canadian Legion. Most of our boys will remember Ben for his inimitable sketches and songs of the Negro people. At the time of his death he was asst. manager Legion War Services branch and had been heard on the air during the "Legion Views the War" broadcasts.

### SON CARRIES ON

Mrs. John Patterson, Wainwright, informed us that a son of John Franklin Fisher, who gave his life while serving with the 49th C.E.F., was serving in the Middle East. Sgt. Keith F. Fisher, 1459714, 7/42/15th, Lt. A.A. Rgt. R. A. Middle East Forces. We wish him the best of luck.

### RETURNS HOME

Lieut. W. M. Chinneck, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Chinneck, 10537 125 St., returned to Edmonton from overseas in July on several month's leave. He was with the 1st Edmonton Regiment.

A native of Edmonton L-Cpl. Maurice Mickleberry returned to this city after more than two years in England. At the outbreak of war he enlisted for active service with the 1st Edmonton Regiment.

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**GAIN PROMOTION**

Ernest W. Newland, William D. Taylor, and Robert H. Summersgill, lieutenants, have been promoted to the rank of captain last December.

Capt. Newland served with the 13th C.M.R. and the 49th Battalion, C.E.F., during the first great war. He is stationed at Camrose.

Capt. Taylor enlisted as a private in the R.C.A. in March, 1941. In the first great war he served with the 13th Field Ambulance. In 1918 he was granted his commission, serving in Bombay until 1920. Before enlisting in the present war he was a lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion Edmonton Regiment.

Lieut. Summersgill is on the staff of No. 13 District Depot, Edmonton wing. He has served overseas for two years in this war with the Edmonton Regiment.

Col. Louis Scott, D.C.M., officer commanding the A-16 Advanced Training Centre, Canadian Army Currie Barracks, Calgary, whose promotion from the rank of lieutenant-colonel to full colonel has been announced by Headquarters, M.D. No. 13.

**NOW INSTRUCTOR**

Cpl. Cyril Southall, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Southall, 8405 118 avenue, Edmonton, who enlisted with the 1st Bn. Edmonton Regt., (A)CA, in September, 1939, and who is now an instructor with his unit somewhere in England, according to word received recently by his parents. Cpl. Southall took several courses before commencing instruction, including gas and Bren gun. His brother, Sgt. WAG. Edward Southall, is also on duty with the R.C.A.F. overseas.

**FERRY PILOT**

Sgt. Pilot Clifford B. Killips, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Killips, 11326 94 street left for eastern Canada last March to go on ferry command duty with the R.A.F., following a brief leave spent with his parents.

**ESCAPES FROM TORPEDOED SHIP**

Douglas E. Robb, A.B., Gunlayer, age 23. Enlisted October 1939, and has been "active" since July 1940, serving on Corvettes, Patrols, Deep sea freighters, etc. He was on a torpedoed ship off the Pacific Coast, but managed to escape, spending some time in a lifeboat, until sighted by scout plane. Later a volunteer crew returned to the stricken ship and brought her safely to port. Douglas is the son of Tommy Robb of "B" company, one of the hard working members of our executive.

**RELATIVE OF FORTY-NINER GAINS WINGS**

E. T. Rippon, 22 year old son of Thomas Rippon, Coronado, graduated at McLeod school last August 27th. His father enlisted with the 66th battalion, and later served with the 49th Edmonton Regiment, and was wounded in action. An uncle of the young airman, Joseph Rippon enlisted in the 51st Bn., and was killed in action in France while serving with our battalion.

**ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE**

W. F. "Bill" English, H.Q. 49th Bn. assistant vice president of Trans-Canada Air Lines, was elected to the executive of the Air Transport Association of Canada at the annual meeting held recently in Montreal.

**AGAIN SERVING OVERSEAS**

Capt. Walter Hunter, S.A.R., who served with B coy. arrived overseas in a large convoy last September. Also mentioned was a Cpl. G. W. Tourond, Pincher Creek, who we believe will be a close relation of W. B. Tourond, of D coy. in the last war.

**CANADA YEAR BOOK**

New articles that highlight conclusions drawn from statistics of the Dominion's internal trade and vital statistics have been included in the 1942 edition of the Canada Yearbook. Further special war articles have been added. A special article of 35 pages deals with the early history of Canada's constitution. With it is a copy of the British North America act so annotated as to direct the reader's attention to amendments and indicate their significance. Other chapters deal with unemployment insurance; finance, banking, census, power, transportation, etc. Copies may be purchased from the King's Printer, Ottawa. Ministers of religion, teachers and students may get paper bound copies at 50 cents each.

**"YANK" FOR YANKS**

The first overseas edition of "Yank", the U.S. army weekly, described the Canadian soldier as the best means for creating good relations between the U.S. and British enlisted men, but adds that "no such agent is needed".

In an article, Robert Neville of the Yank's London Bureau, tells of the Canadian soldiers' training in Britain, and concludes from his observation he will make as great a fighter as his father did at Ypres, Vimy, etc.

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### OLD PHIL SHOOT'S AGAIN

Phil's magazine being a little bit late in getting to him writes in, wondering if the Fifth columnists had made a parachute landing in Edmonton and sabotaged the Forty-Niner. He speaks well of Sir Macdonnell in his letter and said he was personally acquainted with him. He wonders if old Sam Campbell, an old Gordon Highlander and a member of A coy. of the 49th is in Edmonton? The following story is another of Old Phil's stories. He calls it, "Chatfield of Iowa." "The story of a brave American boy who died at Cambrai."

Chatfield came to the 49th with the big volunteer draft from the 66th battalion in June 1916, to fill up the gaps left by the big scrap in Sanctuary Wood. I knew Chatfield in pre-war days in 1913, when he was running a one-man freight scow through the Fraser River rapids to Ft. George. He was a frontiersman, voyageur, bear hunter and axeman all in one, aged about 40. He had a voice like a bull, but was a gentleman. He had a farm at Ft. St. John, but left it to come down to Edmonton to join up, when he got the news of the Lusitania's sinking with a lot of Americans on board. He said, "He wanted to knock the enemies ears off with some fancy shooting, from 100 to 1000 yards."

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When the sniping officer found out he could shoot, he sent Chatfield out into No Man's Land, with two rifles, a Ross and a Lee Enfield, and to camouflage himself and shoot it out with Jerry's snipers, who were causing a lot of casualties on our front. During the day you could hear the crack of the Ross and Lee Enfield alternately. It was not long before everything was quiet on Chatfield's front. He said the Ross rifle was a scientific rifle good for sport, but it would not stand the rough active service stuff like the Enfield. Later when we were out of the line at Winnezele for a rest of a few days, Chatfield would get a great kick out of the men doing P.T. exercises, and not caring for this stuff he asked his officer to give him an axe and he would P. T. wood for the cooks. Which he did, and sure made the chips fly. He died at Cambrai, in 1918, shooting and throwing bombs to the last. He had no relatives and his property was willed to the Indians at Ft. St. John, B.C. as he said it belonged to them anyway.

### LAWRIE STONE OF "A" COY. PROMOTED— SON ALSO SERVES

Lt. J. L. Stone, of No. 13 Vocational Training School, Calgary, has been promoted to the rank of captain, it was announced at headquarters, M.D. 13.

On the day that Capt. Stone's promotion was approved, his son, John K. Stone, age 19 years, joined the army. He reported Tuesday to Currie Barracks as a reinforcement for the Calgary Highlanders overseas. Capt. Stone has been in Calgary since April, having been transferred from Edmonton where he was the officer in charge of the Trades Training School. He saw service in the last war with A coy. of the 49th Bn. C.E.F., and his wife and family reside at Le Marchand Mansion.

### LIVES IN BLIGHTY

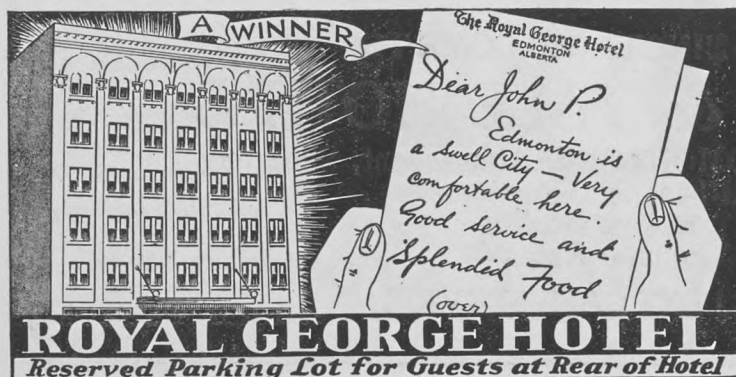
Capt. and Mrs. W. K. C. Adams, residents of Edmonton for many years, now reside at Usk, Monmouthshire, England. Capt. Adams was a member of 14 platoon, D coy., but later transferred to the Engineers (Imperial) with his commission. He left Edmonton about six years ago, and since arrival over there Capt. Adams has re-enlisted.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Morfitt, 8717 92A Ave., have three sons serving in the forces. Albert, 23, has been overseas for a year. Robert, 21, is training as a cook at a basic training centre. Ernest, 20, has been in the naval service for three years and is serving as a gunner on a corvette. He has made many Atlantic trips. Their father who served in "Ours" is a member of the Journal circulation department.

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